

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-7-03A

May 30, 2003

The following is offered in response to your letter to me dated May 16, 2003 in which you seek a formal interpretation of the provisions of Article 210-52(a) of the 1999 National Electrical Code portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

Question: Is it the intention of Article 210-52(a) of the 1999 National Electrical Code to require convenience receptacles in a “three season” unheated sunroom or “porch enclosure”?

Answer: Yes. The referenced article specifically includes sunrooms and similar areas or spaces of dwelling units as among those spaces required to contain receptacle outlets in accordance with the requirements of the code. The fact that the space is unheated does not impact the requirement for outlets. The trigger for outlets is that the space is finished, enclosed living area, as opposed to an open or screened porch which would not require such outlets.