



CITY OF BRADENTON

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July 29, 2026

Property Owner
Aviata at Bradenton Villas
105 15th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34208

RE: Requirements for Engineering Evaluation and Building Review

Dear Property Owner:

The City acknowledges that the property owner has retained a licensed general contractor and structural engineer to evaluate the building. In accordance with Florida Building Code – Existing Building, Section 406.2.2.1, the entire building shall be evaluated by a registered design professional, and the evaluation findings shall be submitted to the Building Official. The partial collapse of the structure is classified as dangerous in the Florida Building Code and requires an evaluation of the building, including, at a minimum, the following:

Florida Building Code Requirements

- All concealed floor trusses, roof trusses, and roof rafter locations.
- All supporting members for roof-mounted equipment.
- All wood-framed bearing walls.
- All masonry bearing walls supporting truss members.
- All roof sheathing and roof covering.

This evaluation will be used to determine the classification of work as defined in Chapters 4 and 6 of the Florida Building Code and the applicable permit work.

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In accordance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 101, and the Florida Building Code, the following inspections, evaluations, and documentation are required before the building may be considered for occupancy:

Florida Fire Prevention Code Requirements

- A complete engineering evaluation and report for the entire building.
- Evaluation of concealed spaces above patient care pods, offices, other rooms, and corridors, to inspect structural components and fire and life safety systems, including:
 - Fire alarm systems
 - Fire sprinkler systems
 - Fire-rated ceilings and walls
 - Smoke compartments
 - Fire and smoke door assemblies
- Verification of the labeling and functionality of all electrical panels.
- Compliance with NFPA 241 during construction and repair activities.

These requirements are necessary to protect public health and safety and ensure compliance with applicable Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code. Additional inspections, evaluations, documentation, or corrective actions may be required based on the findings submitted to the City.

Sincerely,

Matthew Rush
Chief Building Official

Chris Melser
Fire Marshal

cc: Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)