

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

**IN RE:       Petition for Declaratory Statement  
              by Maria Wood and Robert Kneeland  
              regarding Rule 61J2-10.026, F.A.C.**

**DS 2020-013**

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**FINAL ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR  
DECLARATORY STATEMENT**

Maria Wood and Robert Kneeland, (Petitioners) filed a Petition for Declaratory Statement (“Petition”) on February 10, 2020. Notice of the receipt of the Petition was published in the Florida Administrative Register in Vol. 46, No. 35 on February 20, 2020. The Petition is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as Attachment A. No requests for intervention have been received. The Florida Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) considered the Petition at its Telephone Conference Call meeting on April 7, 2020.

In the Petition, Ms. Wood and Mr. Kneeland seek the Commission’s opinion on whether the “descriptive group name” “Castle Central Group,” under the brokerage OneRes International Realty LLC, is permissible under the provisions of Rule 61J2-10.026, Florida Administrative Code.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Commission accepts and adopts as the facts the representations contained in the Petition and attachments thereto.

2. Petitioners have standing to request a Declaratory Statement from the Commission on the question presented.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

3        The Commission is authorized to issue this declaratory statement by Section 120 565, Florida Statutes

4        Petitioners have met the statutory requirements for issuance of the requested Declaratory Statement pursuant to section 120 565, F S , and Uniform Rule 28-105 002, F A C

5        Under the facts and circumstances outlined in the Petition and comparing the plain text of the cited rule’s subsection (4), the team name “Castle Central Group” does not violate the restrictions of section 61J2-10 026, F A C    It is, therefore

ORDERED that the Florida Real Estate Commission GRANTS the Petition for Declaratory Statement filed by Maria Wood and Robert Kneeland with the opinions expressed above

DONE AND ORDERED this 19 day of May, 2020.

  
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Robin B. Rogers, Esq  
Executive Director  
Florida Real Estate Commission

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120 68, FLORIDA STATUTES REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF REVISION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to Maria Wood and Robert Kneeland, 614 East Highway 50, Suite 146, Clermont, Florida 34711, and by email to Lawrence D Harris, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Lawrence.harris@myfloridalegal.com, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020

Brandon M. Nichols

<b>FILED</b>	
Department of Business and Professional Regulation	
Senior Deputy Agency Clerk	
CLERK	Brandon Nichols
Date	2/10/2020
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Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the DBPR and FREC 2/5/20

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61J2-10.026

Seeking approval of our Team Name "Castle Central Group" under the brokerage OneRes International Realty LLC . Justification being we also work for a custom builder who builds large "castle" type homes in Central FL . A descriptive group name would help us with marketing our product and product recognition.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Maria Wood* 2/5/2020  
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23559827940430  
 Maria Wood Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Robert Kneeland* 2/5/2020  
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**Corona, Giuvanna**

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**From:** Robert Kneeland <robthefloridarealtor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** Corona, Giuvanna  
**Cc:** Maria Wood  
**Subject:** Re: Petition for Declaratory Statement 61J2-10.026

Hello Giuvanna,

Thank you for your prompt response to our request. We would like to check if the team name 'Castle Central Group' is in compliance with rule 61J2-10.026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Kneeland

On Mon, Feb 10, 2020 at 11:21 AM Corona, Giuvanna <[Giuvanna.Corona@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Giuvanna.Corona@myfloridalicense.com)> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Wood and Mr. Kneeland:

Thank you for your Petition for Declaratory Statement 61J2-10.026 received by the Division of Real Estate on February 7, 2020. After review, we require additional information to ensure your request is appropriately processed. Are you:

1) Asking if the team name "Castle Central Group" would be an acceptable team name in compliance with the cited rule?

(or)

2) Seeking FREC approval of the actual team name "Castle Central Group?"

Please consider your response and let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you,

## Corona, Giuvanna

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**From:** Corona, Giuvanna  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** 'mariawoodrealtor@gmail.com'; 'robthefloridarealtor@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Rogers, Robin  
**Subject:** Petition for Declaratory Statement 61J2-10.026

**Importance:** High

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(or)
- 2) Seeking FREC approval of the actual team name "Castle Central Group?"

Please consider your response and let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you,



*Giuvanna Corona*

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