

# EXHIBIT 91

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009 IRC NEEDED FOR PROPER CORRELATION DUE TO AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE REVIEW BOARD ON DECEMBER 11,2009

**R302.2 Townhouses.** Each *townhouse* shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance-rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

**Exception:** A common ~~2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with~~ ASTME 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4. ~~The wall is permitted to be 1-hour fire-resistance-rated, where the building is protected by a sprinkler system complying with Section R313.1.1.~~

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**R302.2.4 Structural independence.** Each individual *townhouse* shall be structurally independent.

**Exceptions:**

1. Foundations supporting *exterior walls* or common walls.
2. Structural roof and wall sheathing from each unit may fasten to the common wall framing.
3. Nonstructural wall and roof coverings.
4. Flashing at termination of roof covering over common wall.
5. *Townhouses* separated by a common fire-resistance-rated wall as provided in Section R302.2.

**REASON FOR CODE CHANGE:**

This amendment to the townhouse separation requirements is needed because they were originally crafted based upon the presumption that townhouses would be sprinklered at the time of the 2009 code adoption. Since NH has delayed the implementation of the sprinkler requirement for townhouses language needs to be included to bring back the current non-sprinklered separation requirements. This change is not required for one & two family dwellings since the sprinkler requirements since this code were crafted with a sprinkler implementation delay built into the code language.

**COST OF CHANGE:**

There is no cost increase imposed from this change because this amendment is only continuing a current requirement.