

EXHIBIT 90

Delete new section 313.2.1 in its entirety

Amend section R310.1 in the following manner:

R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue required. *Basements*, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where *basements* contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room. Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches (1118mm) above the floor. Where a door opening having a threshold below the adjacent ground elevation serves as an emergency escape and rescue opening and is provided with a bulkhead enclosure, the bulkhead enclosure shall comply with Section R310.3. The net clear opening dimensions required by this section shall be obtained by the normal operation of the emergency escape and rescue opening from the inside. Emergency escape and rescue openings with a finished sill height below the adjacent ground elevation shall be provided with a window well in accordance with Section R310.2. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a *yard* or court that opens to a public way.

Exceptions:

1. *Basements* used only to house mechanical *equipment* and not exceeding total floor area of 200 square feet (18.58 m²).
2. *Emergency escape and rescue openings required by Section 310.1 are permitted to be omitted where the building is protected by a sprinkler system complying with Section R313.*

Deleted: R313.2.1 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems. Buildings provided with an automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be allowed to exercise all credits regarding egress in accordance with RSA 155-A:2 II (NFPA 101).

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REASON FOR CODE CHANGE:

As pointed out during the hearings on code amendment R313.2.1 it was proposed for the purpose of continuity between the IRC and NFPA 101 since 101 by statute is the governing code for means of egress (and escape). It is felt by amending the escape requirement in the IRC it will reduce the possibility of confusion for both builders and code enforcement individuals. It is being proposed to be moved from its original location into the code section where the escape and rescue requirements are included which is the conventional location for an exception to a code requirement would be located.

COST OF CHANGE:

There is no increased cost associated with this amendment and it will more than likely reduce the cost of construction.