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RE: Proposed Change to the Code

Dear Marcia:

Section 1013.3 of the 2003 International Building Code refers to the common path of egress travel. It states that in occupancies other than Groups H-1, H-1 and H-3, the common path of egress travel shall not exceed 75 feet. Currently it has three exceptions to that paragraph.

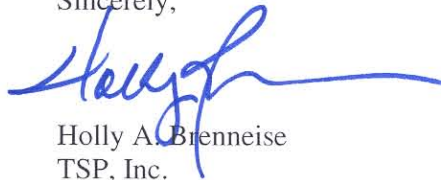
This section of the code has been approved to be changed for the 2006 International Building Code. In the 2006 IBC, Section 1013.3 still only allows for 75 feet for common path of travel in occupancies other than Group H-1, H-2, and H-3; however it adds exception No. 4. This exception states that the length of common path of egress travel in occupancies in Group R-2 shall not be more than 125 feet, provided that the building is protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.3.1.1 and 903.3.1.2. Please see the attached documentations that show that approved change.

I am requesting that the City consider an amendment that would allow this change to take affect immediately. As you know, I am currently working on a project for Century Development; they are developing a planned residential development for two 48-unit condominiums just north of the Executive Golf Course.

We would like to be allowed to use this change of 125 feet in the development of those condominiums. The proposed project is fully sprinkled with an NFPA 13R in accordance with 903.3.1.2. I am hopeful that because eventually the code will be in place when the 2006 IBC is accepted that the City can see clear to approve this change now. This change would allow us to construct the condominiums in a more efficient manner.

Marcia I would appreciate any assistance you could give me on this. Thank you for your help in advance.

Sincerely,


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