

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-03-12

January 23, 2012

The following is in response to your request for formal interpretation dated January 20, 2012.

Question:

Paragraph 1021.1, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, includes the statement: "..., and where two or more exits are required, not more than one-half of the total number of exits or total exit width shall be horizontal exits."

Is it permissible to install additional doors or doors with width greater than one-half of the total exit width in the horizontal exit wall provided the additional doors or width are not considered additional exits or exit width?

Answer:

Yes, the 2005 State Building Code would not prohibit this.