

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-22-02

December 27, 2002

The following is offered in response to your letter to me dated December 20, 2002 in which you seek a formal interpretation of the provisions of section 1107.4.2.1 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code as amended by the State of Connecticut.

**Question:** In view of the fact that the State Building Code only requires one in ten Use Group R-3 attached single-family dwellings to be Type A Dwelling Units, is it really the intent of section 1107.4.2.1 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code that all Use Group R-2 dwelling units be constructed as Type A dwelling units in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1 - 1998?

**Answer:** No. Dwelling units that are neither on the street floor (defined in the code for accessibility purposes as the floor nearest the level of exit discharge), nor on a floor served by an elevator are exempt from the requirements of Type A Dwelling Units. However, all R-2 dwelling units that are located on the street floor or on a floor served by an elevator must meet the requirements of a Type A Dwelling Unit. In addition, all rooms and spaces available to the general public and for the use of the residents in an R-2 occupancy must be accessible. Keep in mind that exception 1 to section 1107.4.2 of the referenced code requires accessibility in multi-story dwelling units only to the floor served by a elevator when the floor served by an elevator complies with the requirements for a Type A Dwelling Unit and a toilet facility is provided on that floor.