



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

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CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to: [X] Building Code [] Fire Safety Code
Code section(s): IBC Section 903.2.8 Exception 2

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):
Please see attached reason for the proposed change.
Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):
Please see attached proposed additional exception to IBC Section 903.2.8 Exception 2.
Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

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Attachment to Proposed Change of the CT State Building Code

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The reason for the change to the 2022 CT Code.

In a Change of Occupancy, specifically a two-family dwelling to a 3-family dwelling, the IEBC refers the Examiners to IBC 903.2.8 - Group R Sprinkler Provisions. Within that section the only exception in the Code to not install sprinklers is where the newly introduced "fire area" (typically a third floor) must have a dedicated means of egress to the level of exit discharge. The only recourse for the homeowner is to hire an architect to develop a Code Path that precludes the use of sprinklers.

Proposed change to the Code:

Add an exception to IBC Section 903.2.8 Exception 2 which states:

A means of egress in the newly introduced fire area shall be allowed to be shared with one other unit not on the same story or floor in a 1-hour stair enclosure, or in a compliant exterior stair, to the level of exit discharge.