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Question:

Is it the intent of The Florida Building Code Residential to require emergency escape openings for Townhouse buildings (more than 2 units per building) equipped with automatic sprinklers installed in accordance with NFPA requirements?

Answer

Yes, secondary means of escape is required if designing per the FBC-Residential. There is no exemption based on sprinklers.

Commentary:

None.

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