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Section 711.4

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC Section 711.4 Continuity to require all supporting walls to be fire rated to match a horizontal assembly's fire rating? Example: A floor/ceiling is required to be 1 hour in a VB construction. The exterior walls in a VB building according to tables 601 & 602 do not need a fire rating. Would the exterior wall need to have a 1 hour fire rating if it supports the 1 hour floor/ceiling?

Answer

Yes. The structural walls supporting the floor/ceiling would need to be rated as stated.

Commentary:

As to the comment. Read and Apply each sentence separately.

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