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Question:

Is it the intent of the guard opening limitations to apply to all railing systems, even if the railing is for decoration and not required by code?

Answer

The described decorative railing system is not a guard. The picket spacing and opening requirement applies only to code required guards.

Commentary:

None.

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