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Section 506.2

Question:

Is it the intent of the code here to allow for repairs/rebuilding of buildings which have suffered substantial damage from fire or other peril to be repaired/rebuilt subject only to the requirements of Chapter 5, or are substantial repairs (replacement of walls, finishes, ceilings, framing etc) to be considered Level 1 alteration?

Answer

No. Repairs are accomplished in accordance with Chapter 5 for work on non-damaged components that is necessary for the repair and maintenance of a structure are considered part of the repair and are not subject to Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Commentary:

The questions appears to describe a renovation of a building. WEBSTER: "RENOVATE: to restore to a former better state such as repairing or rebuilding". Renovation is part of the definition of ALTERATION. As to the level of alteration; in accordance with FBCE 401.4 The alteration level is chosen by the design professional or the owner.

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