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Section 302

Question:

Is it the intent of R302.1 Exterior walls & table R302.1 to require a fire rated assembly to extend out into the soffit for either two single family residences with zero lot lines sharing a common wall or a two family dwelling building?

Answer

due to the lot line, the units should be seperated by a one hour fire rated assembly on each side of the lot line. This is two buildings with zero fire seperation distance and they should be totaly protected from each other. If a common wall it should be 2-hour as in a townhouse R302.2.

Commentary:

In the case of an additional roofed screen porch on the rear of one of the units, the common wall must also be fire rated.

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