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Section 912.6.3

Question:

Is it the intent of this section to allow for openings in an existing historic building, when the relative hazard has been reduced, to remain unchanged or does the requirement of table 602 of the FBC for new construction concerning protection of openings override.

Answer

If according to Table 912.6 the change of occupancy is to a lesser relative hazard, existing exterior walls and openings are acceptable. See Table 912.6 and Section 912.6.3 and 916.3 Exception 4.

Commentary:

None.

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