



## Informal Interpretation Report Number 7193



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**Section** 3007.4

### **Question:**

Is it the intent of Section 3007.4 to provide emergency responders a staging area for their operations that is separated from spaces with combustible loading (e.g. residential units)? And if so, can a residential lobby/corridor designed to meet all of the requirements of Section 3007 of the FBC and Section 708.14.2 serve as the fire service access elevator lobby?

### **Answer**

No. It is the intent of 3007.4 to provide an elevator lobby that is separated from the balance of the floor, whether the balance is a corridor, residential units, or another elevator lobby. Section 708.14.1 clearly calls for the lobby to separate the elevator shaft enclosure doors from each floor. This separation is not provided if the corridor is serving as the lobby. In addition to an area for fire service to stage, the elevator lobby is intended to prevent smoke migration in the shaft from entering the exit access corridor.

### **Commentary:**

The elevator lobbies described in 3007.4 are a special case of those defined in Section 708.14.1 where, "The lobby enclosure shall separate the elevator shaft enclosure door from each floor..."

A fire rated corridor defined as one and the same as an elevator lobby, can't be separated from itself.

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