



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Question:**

Is it the intent of 504.2 to limit the height of an R-2 occupancy with VA construction and automatic sprinkler system to four stories.

**Answer**

Concerning the FBC, for an R-2 with Type VA construction, Table 503 limits you to 3 stories. With either a 13R or a full 13 system, you can go to four stories.

**Commentary:**

The difference would be if you were dealing with a 4 story limit in Table 503, like for a Type IV building. Then you could only go four stories with 13R but you could go 5 stories with a full 13 system.

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