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Section 202

Question:

Is it the intent of section 202.1 FEBC, definition of addition, to include an increase in fire area in the definition of addition?

Answer

No. See the attached commentary

Commentary:

As defined by section 202, to be an addition, the expansion would need to increase floor area, number of stories or the height.

The building code does not define an increase in fire area as an addition. In a case as described above, work closely with the local fire marshal to determine the sprinkler requirements, in this case, they may be more restrictive.

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