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Question:

Is it the intent of the 5th Edition of the FBC Residential code to delete the requirement for overlapping the top plates at the exterior corners of wood framed walls?

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