



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R507 Decks

Question:

The 5th edition - Residential code, section R507: Decks, does not address allowable spans for exterior free standing decks.

Do 2 x 6 Southern Pine No. 2 joists on 16 inch centers meet code requirements?

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