



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Section** 412.5.1

**Question:**

412.5.1 appears to indicate a 1 hour fire barrier having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour Is able to separate a residential hanger from the home. Is this a fire wall? Would a separation meeting the definition of a fire barrier from chapter 2 - definitions be all that is required?

**Answer:**

The code requires a "fire barrier" for the separation. The exact wording is section 412.5.1 and copied into the commentary for reference.

On 04/13/2022 at 11:17 AM

**Commentary:**

The guiding section is 412.5.1 Fire separation. A hangar shall not be attached to a dwelling unless separated by a fire barrier having a fire resistance rating of not less than 1 hour. Such separation shall be continuous from the foundation to the underside of the roof and unpierced except for doors leading to the dwelling unit. Doors into the dwelling unit shall be equipped with self-closing devices and conform to the requirements of Section 716 with a noncombustible raised sill not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height. Openings from a hangar directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted.

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