



**Informal Interpretation Report  
Number 8747**



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**Question:**

In a regular 36 inch staircase, can my finished dimension be 27 inches between handrails; since this section of the code allows for a 4.5 inch maximum projection on each side of a stairway at handrail height?

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