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DRAFT STOP REQUIREMENTS IN ATTICS FOR GROUP R1 AND R2 OCCUPANCIES

Section 717.4.2 of the California Building Code (CBC) defines attic draft stopping requirements for R1 and R2 occupancies. The general requirement is to provide draft stopping above and in line with sleeping or dwelling unit walls. However, several exceptions are provided based on the number of stories or the presence of sprinklers within the attic space.

To ensure a minimum degree of security consistent with The City of Irvine Security Code, draft stopping per this general requirement shall be provided in all cases for R1 or R2 occupancy buildings where attic access is provided from within private sleeping or dwelling units.

Where attic access provided from within a common area, the hatch or door shall meet the Irvine Municipal Code Security Code provisions for exterior doors contained in Section 5-9-516 and where required, any fire door assembly provisions per CBC 715 OPENING PROTECTIVES. In such case, draft stopping may be provided as allowed under the exceptions of CBC 717.4.2.

This bulletin shall apply to projects permitted after the effective date.