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Request for Statewide Code Modification

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Code: International Building Code **Edition:** 2015 **Section:** 1016.2

Check One: Delete and substitute the following Delete without substitution Add the following Modify the following
Type or print proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary. Underline New language. ~~Line Through Deleted Language.~~

Delete Modification Number IBC 2015 06 in its entirety. ~~"Means of egress shall consist of continuous and unobstructed paths of travel to the exterior of the building. Means of egress shall not be permitted through kitchens, closets, restrooms, and similar areas nor through adjacent tenant spaces.~~

~~EXCEPTION: Means of egress shall be permitted through a kitchen area serving adjoining rooms constituting part of the same dwelling unit or guest room."~~

It seems a better approach to only edit the paragraph that addresses the hotel and motel concern.

Section 1016.2 should remain in the code in its entirety with the following modification:

"Item 4. Means of egress from dwelling units or sleeping areas shall not lead through other sleeping areas, toilet rooms or bathrooms."

EXCEPTION:

1. Dwelling units or sleeping areas in Group R-1 occupancies shall be permitted to egress through other sleeping areas serving adjoining rooms that are part of the same dwelling unit or guest room.

Reason: Unusually Restrictive Impractical Threat to Human Injury or Life Safety

Type or print the reason for the proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary.

Reason: By addressing one interest group, a large section of code paragraphs have been deleted that should have remained in the code. There are a lot of other building types and occupancies in addition to hotel and motels that may egress through intervening spaces, so it seems shortsighted to delete the entire section.

The other paragraphs in this section do not have to be deleted to address the original concern that initiated this modification. The exception listed in the current version of this modification (to allow egress through a kitchen area) is included in the text of the IBC in item 5, Exception #1.

The reason for restricting this exception to R-1 occupancies, is because this is a transient occupancy by definition. Any sleeping area or dwelling unit that is permanent in nature should not be allowed to have egress through other sleeping areas except as allowed by other sections of the code.

This modification has been included in the SC code since 2000. At that time, the other paragraphs that are currently being deleted were not in this section. Due to the change in code text over the intervening versions, it seems some adjustment to the text of the modification is now in order.