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Request for Statewide Code Modification

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Code: International Building Code Edition: 2018 Section: 706.1

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Type or print proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary. Underline New language. Line Through Deleted Language.

706.1 General. Fire walls shall be constructed in accordance with Sections 706.2 through 706.11. Each portion of a building separated by one or more fire walls may be considered a separate building. The extent and location of such fire walls shall provide a complete separation. Where a fire wall separates occupancies that are required to be separated by a fire barrier wall, the most restrictive requirements of each separation shall apply.

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

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In an attempt to clarify this section for the purpose of uniform enforcement, the International Code Council created a huge error which takes away the designers' options to leave an existing, nonconforming building alone when separated by a fire wall. The intent was to show that fire protection systems, utilities, access, and egress could be one system when a fire wall is utilized and do not have to be separate systems due to the fire wall creating different buildings. This requirement would unjustly and significantly drive up the cost of construction as it relates to additions to existing buildings.