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Mid-Rise Design: Optimizing Size, Maximizing Value

Introduction to Heights and Areas for Mid Rise Wood Frame Buildings

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Course Description

As cities seek increased density as a way to address urban population growth, many building designers and developers are looking to mid-rise wood construction as a cost-effective, code-compliant and sustainable solution. This presentation will cover some of the design considerations associated with mid-rise wood-frame buildings, including how to maximize height and area through the use of sprinklers, open frontage, sloping sites, podiums and mezzanines. Construction types will be reviewed, with an emphasis on opportunities for wood use in types III and V.

Learning Objectives

1. In the context of a shift toward increased urban density, discuss how mid-rise, wood-frame construction meets housing needs while contributing to vibrant and sustainable communities.
2. Discuss allowable construction types, occupancies, and building heights and areas for wood-frame mid-rise construction per the 2012 International Building Code.
3. Identify potential modifications to the IBC's base tabular heights and areas based on building frontage, sprinklers, sloping sites, podiums and mezzanines.
4. Describe changes to the heights and areas tables and building size calculations in the 2015 IBC.

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- Mid-rise Building Types/Configurations
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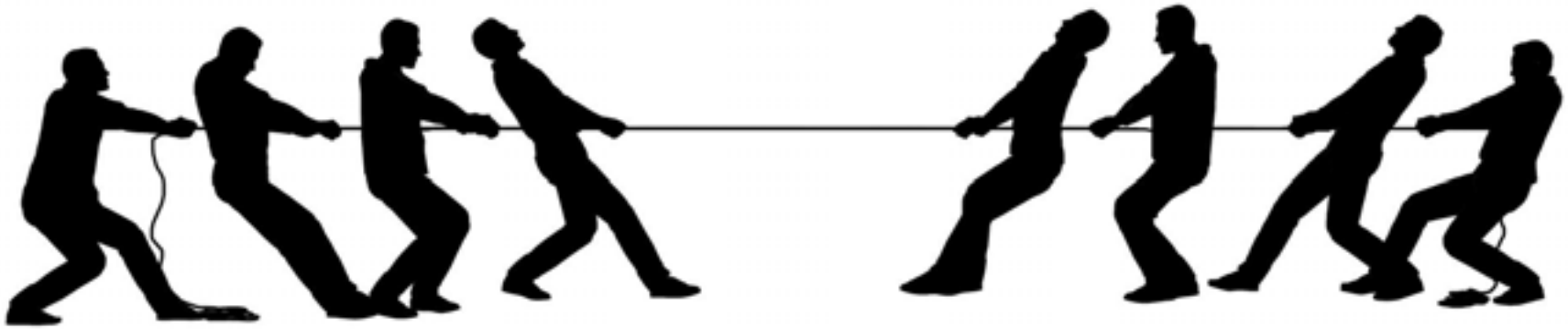
Global Population Boom

Global Population
7.3 billion now
9.7 billion by 2050
33% increase

Urban Population
6.4 billion by 2050
62% increase

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Sustainable Multi-Family & Mixed Use Structures



Economically Meet
Urban Housing Needs

Increase
Environmental
Responsibility

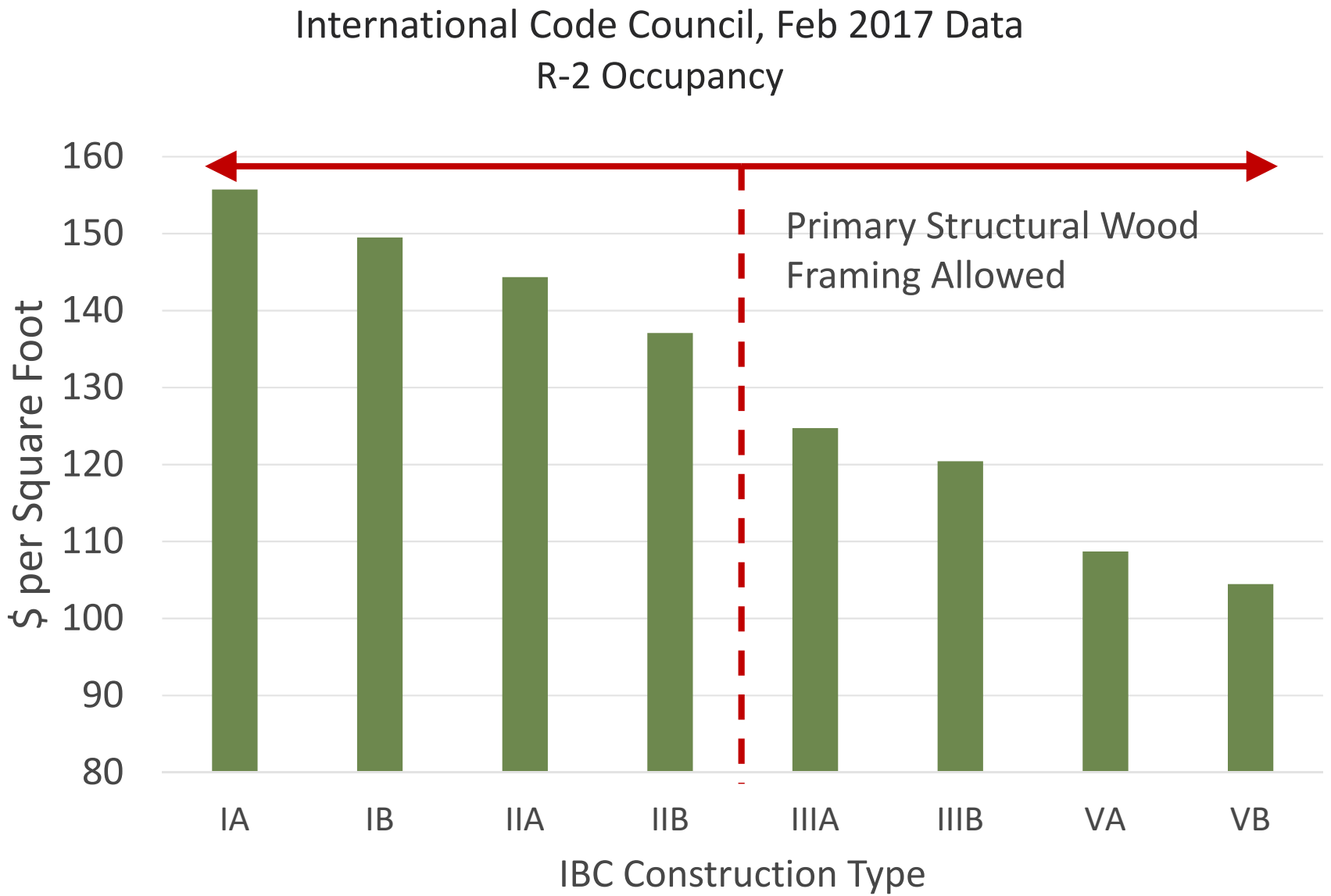
These 2 items don’t need to be in opposition-
Wood framing helps them work together!

Mid-Rise Construction

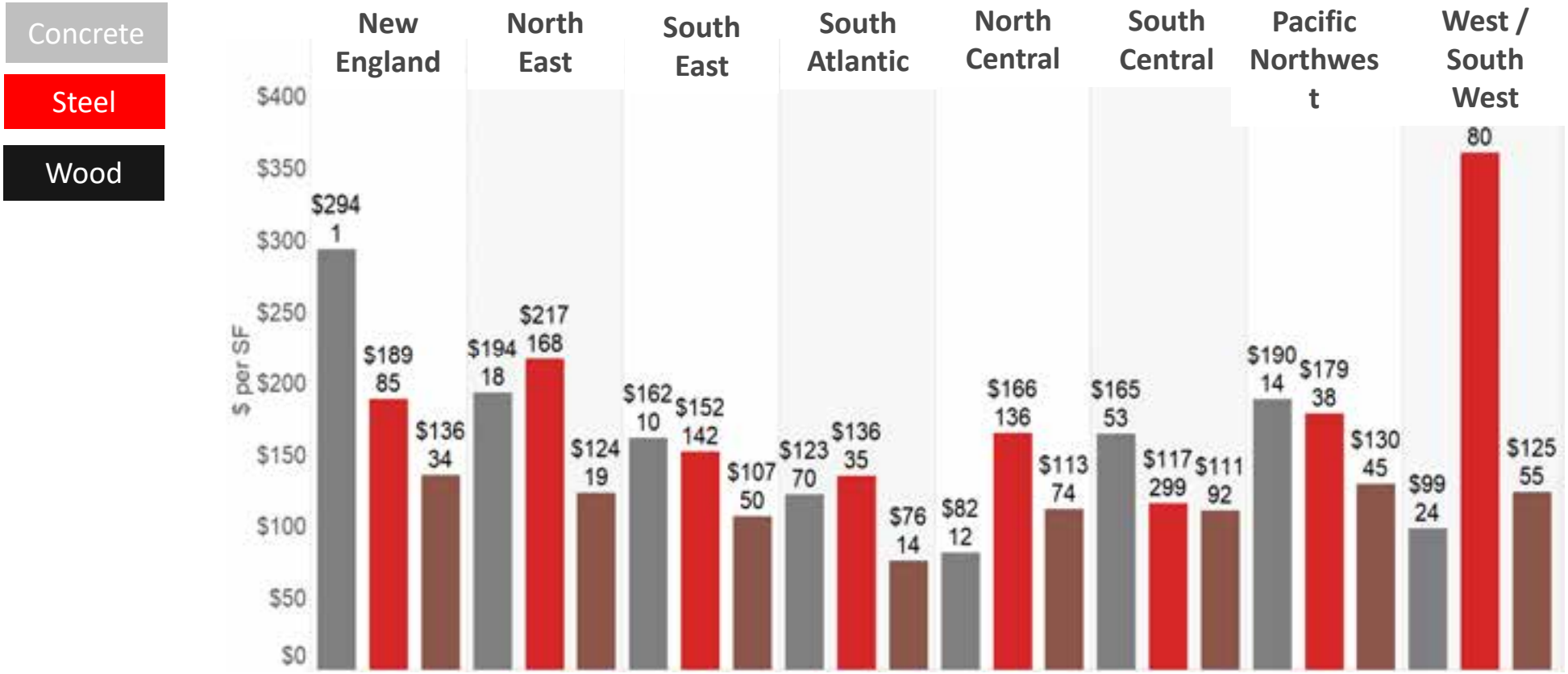
Why Wood?

- Wood Costs Less
- Wood is Versatile
- Wood Meets Code
- Wood is Durable
- Wood is Renewable

ICC Building Valuation Data



Regional Variation of Construction Cost– Built Projects 2013-2015



Data source: Dodge Analytics Data

Urban Infill Development

Case Study: Wood Buildings Aim High

AvalonBay Stadium

Location: Anaheim, CA

251 Apts., 13K sf retail/restaurant

Type III modified

50% of their projects are podium

Semi-balloon framed with 16” Open web trusses at exterior walls

Architect: Withee Malcolm Architects

Engineer: VanDorpe Chou Associates

Developer/Contractor: AvalonBay Communities

Photo credit: Arden Photography

Carbon Case Study: High Density

AvalonBay Stadium- Anaheim, CA

Climate Change Advantage

For information on the calculations in this chart, visit woodworks.org

Volume of wood used: 5,200 cubic meters / 183,600 cubic feet of lumber and sheathing

U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in: 15 minutes

Carbon stored in the wood: 3,970 metric tons of CO_2*

Avoided greenhouse gases: 8,440 metric tons of CO_2*†

Total potential carbon benefit: 12,410 metric tons of CO_2

Equivalent to:

Source: US EPA 2010

2,370 cars off the road for a year

Energy to operate a home for 1,050 years

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College Park, MD
CAMDEN
Normal, IL
Los Angeles, CA
Atlanta, GA
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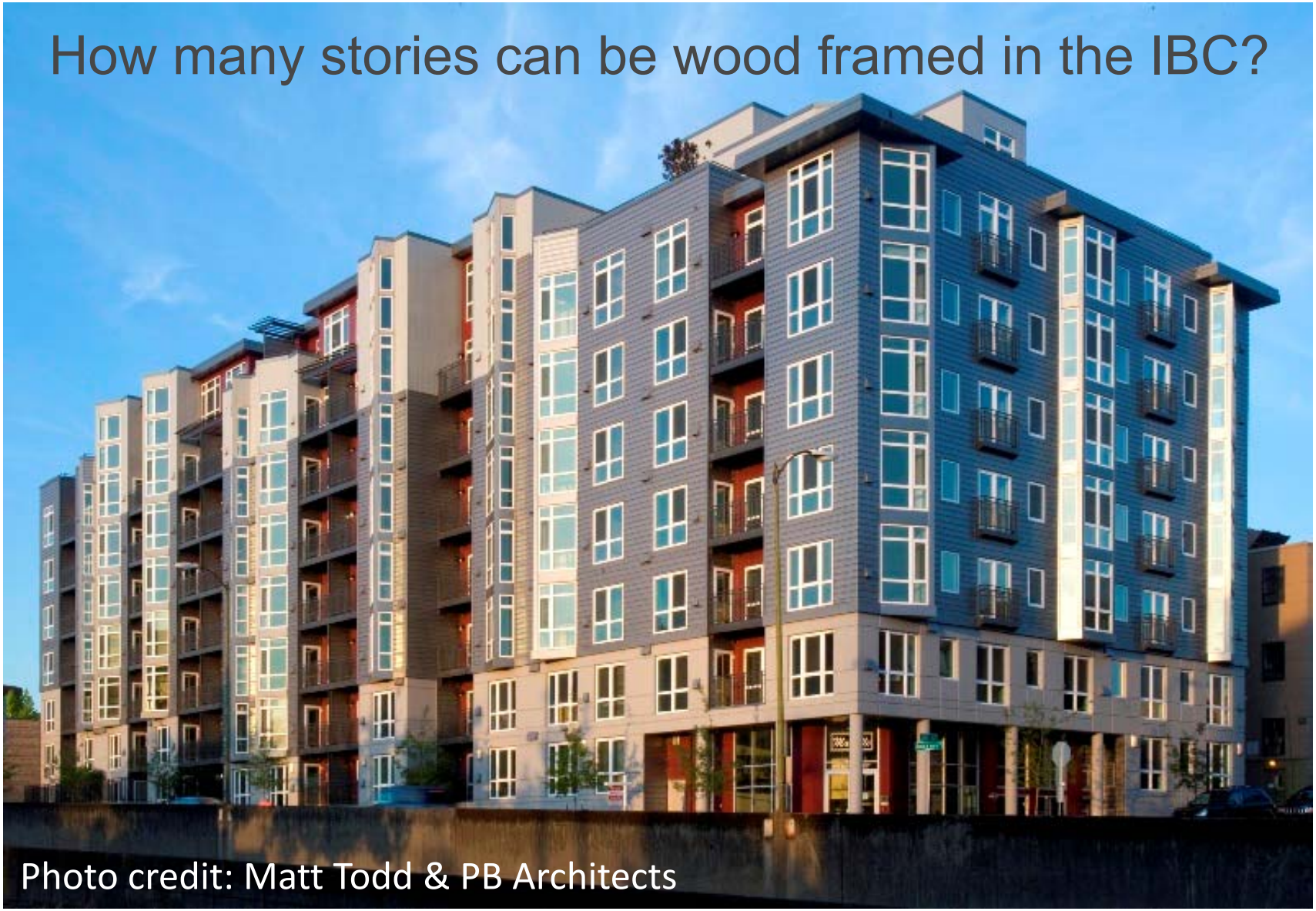
Wood Mid-Rise Construction



Marselle Condos, Seattle, WA

6 stories for Offices, 5 stories for Residential + Mezzanine + Multi-Story Podium

Mid-Rise vs. High-Rise Definition – IBC 202

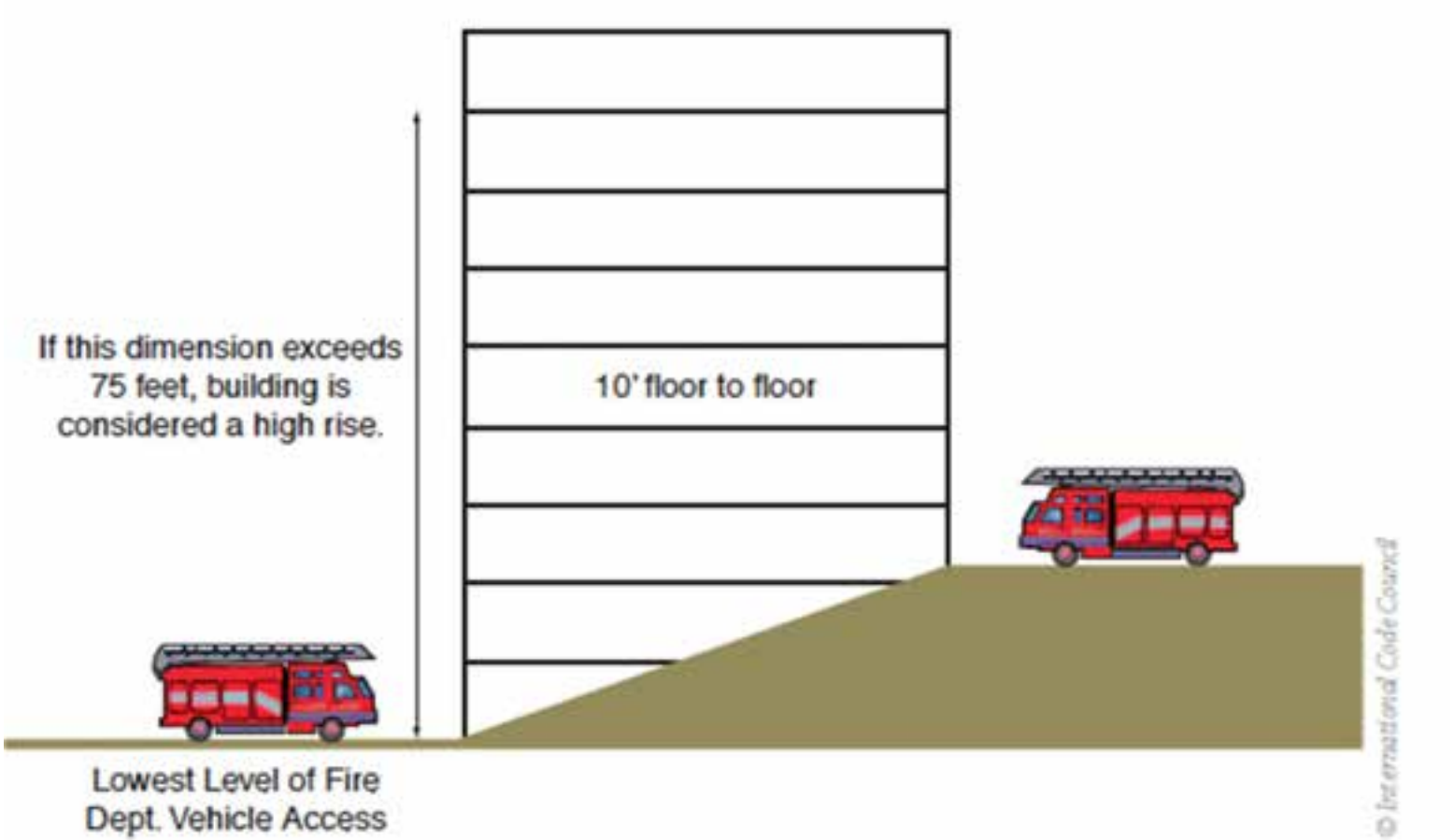


FIGURE 6-6 Determination of high-rise building

IBC 202: High-Rise Building: A building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

Walk-up/ Tuck Under

First floor walk up units with private garage

Benefits:

- Eliminates need for S-2 parking garage
- Can be all wood
- Least expensive overall but lowest densification rates (20-30 unites/acre)

Wrap-Around

Walk up units surround parking structure

Benefits:

- Enhanced security
- Centralized access to parking
- Visual appeal from street
- More expensive than walk/up tuck-under
- 5 story yields 60-80 units/acre

Podium

Multiple stories of wood over an elevated concrete deck

Benefits:

- Increased number of stories
- Accommodates Mixed-use occupancies
- Most expensive but can allow increased density

Podium

4 stories of residential over podium (parking or retail)

- 60-80 units/acre

Inman Park Condos, Atlanta, GA
Davis & Church

Podium

5 stories over retail

- 100-120 units/acre

AvalonBay Stadium, Anaheim, CA
VanDorpe Chou Associates

Inman Park Condos, Atlanta, GA
Davis & Church

Podium

5 stories over residential podium

- 120-140 units/acre

16 Powerhouse, Sacramento, CA
D&S Development
LPA Sacramento

Mezzanine & Podium

5 stories with mezzanine + residential podium

- 125-145 units/acre

120 Union, San Diego, CA
Togawa Smith Martin

Outline

- Context for Mid-rise Construction
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  1. Construction Types
  2. Tabulate Areas & Stories
  3. Allowable increases
  4. Mezzanine & Special Design Provisions

Typical Mid-rise Occupancy

Hotels (R-1)

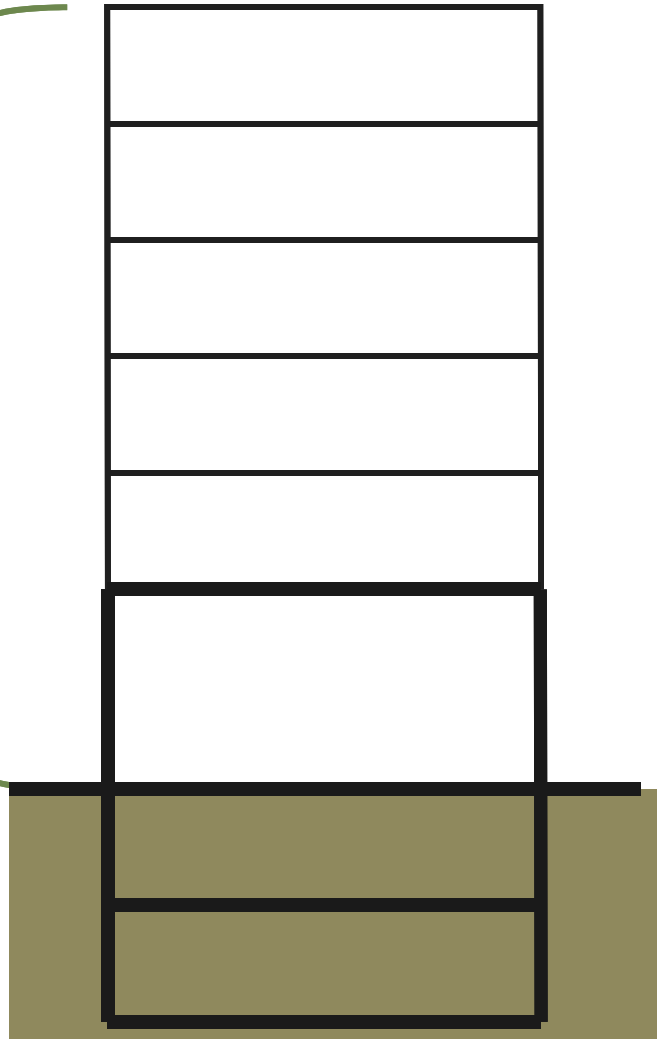
Apartments (R-2)

Condominiums (R-2)

Student housing (R-2)

Live/work units (R-2)

Assisted living (R-4)



(A-2) Restaurants/cafeterias

(A-3) Workout facilities

(A-3) Meeting rooms

(B)Offices

Nursing homes (I-2)

(M) Shops

(S-2/U) Parking

(S-1) Storage

Mid-Rise Construction Types

Type III

- Exterior walls non-combustible (may be FRTW)
- Interior elements any allowed by code

Type V

- All building elements are any allowed by code

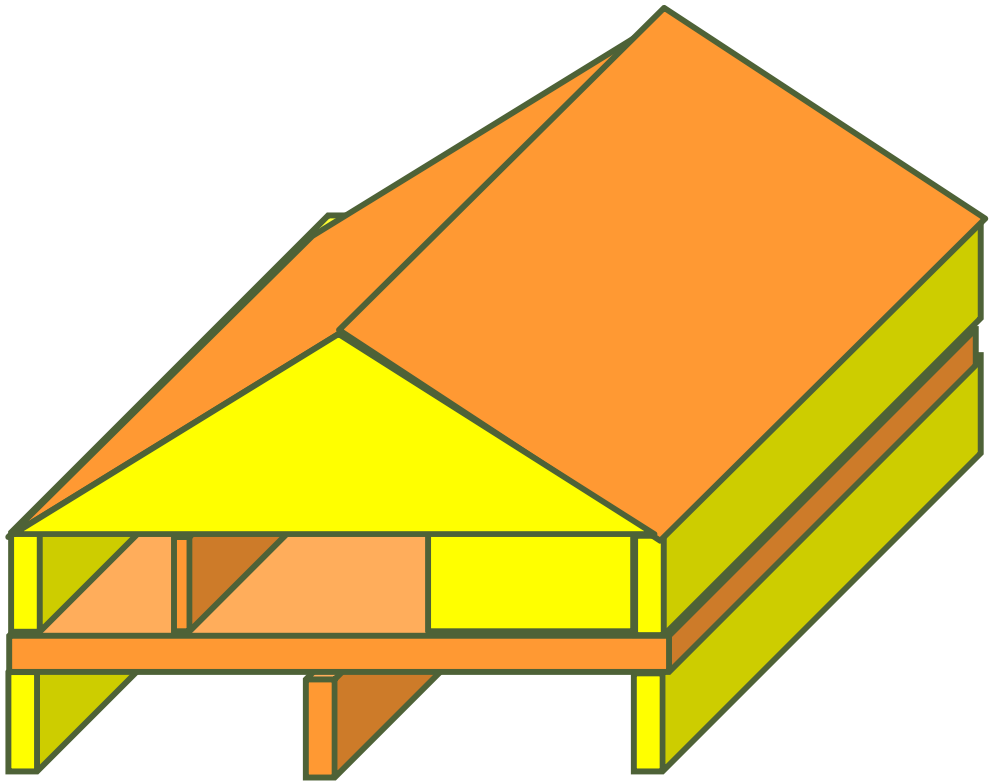
Types III and V can be subdivided to A (protected) or B (unprotected)

Type IV (Heavy Timber)

- Exterior walls non-combustible (may be FRTW)
- Interior elements qualify as Heavy Timber

Type III Construction

Exterior walls are of noncombustible materials and interior building elements are of any material. Fire Retardant Treated (FRT) wood is permitted in exterior walls of 2hr fire rating or less.

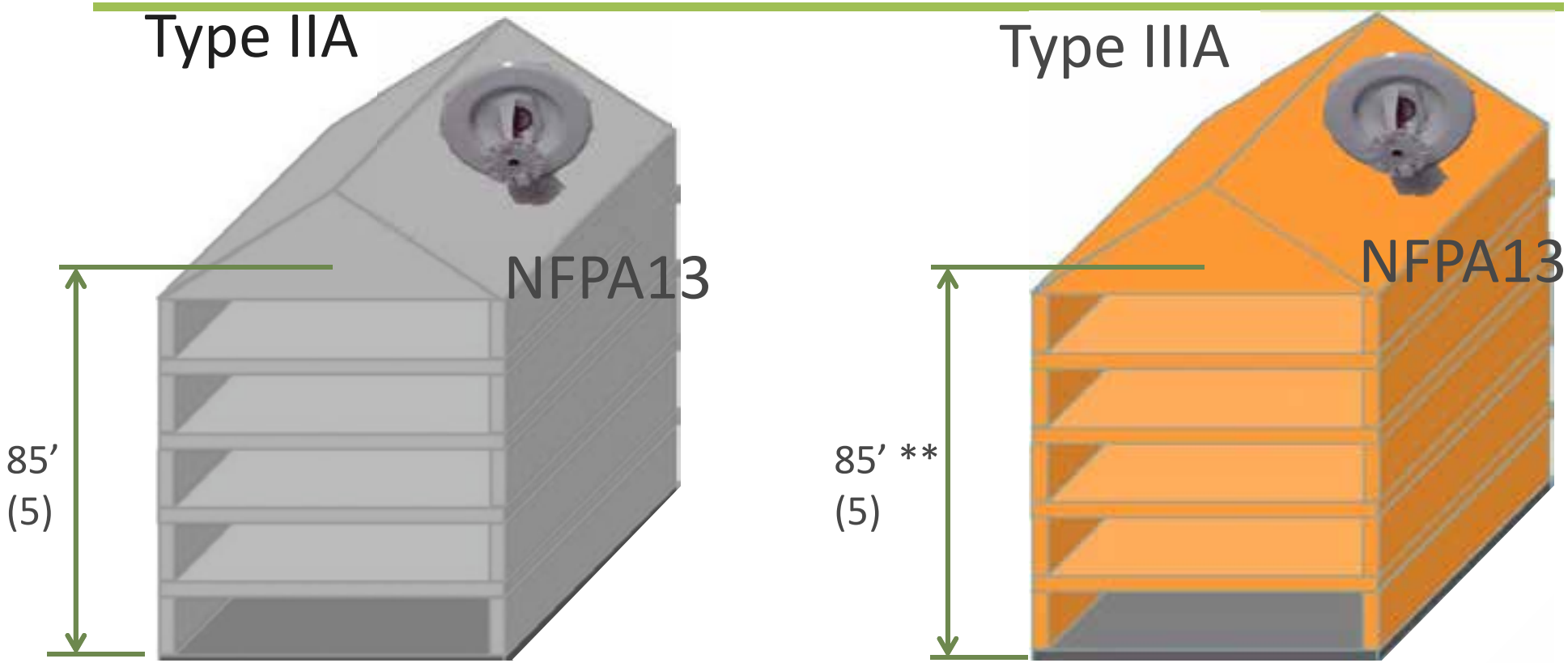


- Non combustible
  - Exterior walls

- Fire Retardant Treated allowed
  - Exterior walls if fire rating is 2hr or less

- Heavy Timber
  - HT used in place of 1hr rating or less
- Untreated Lumber
  - All interior elements

Increased Height & Story Area

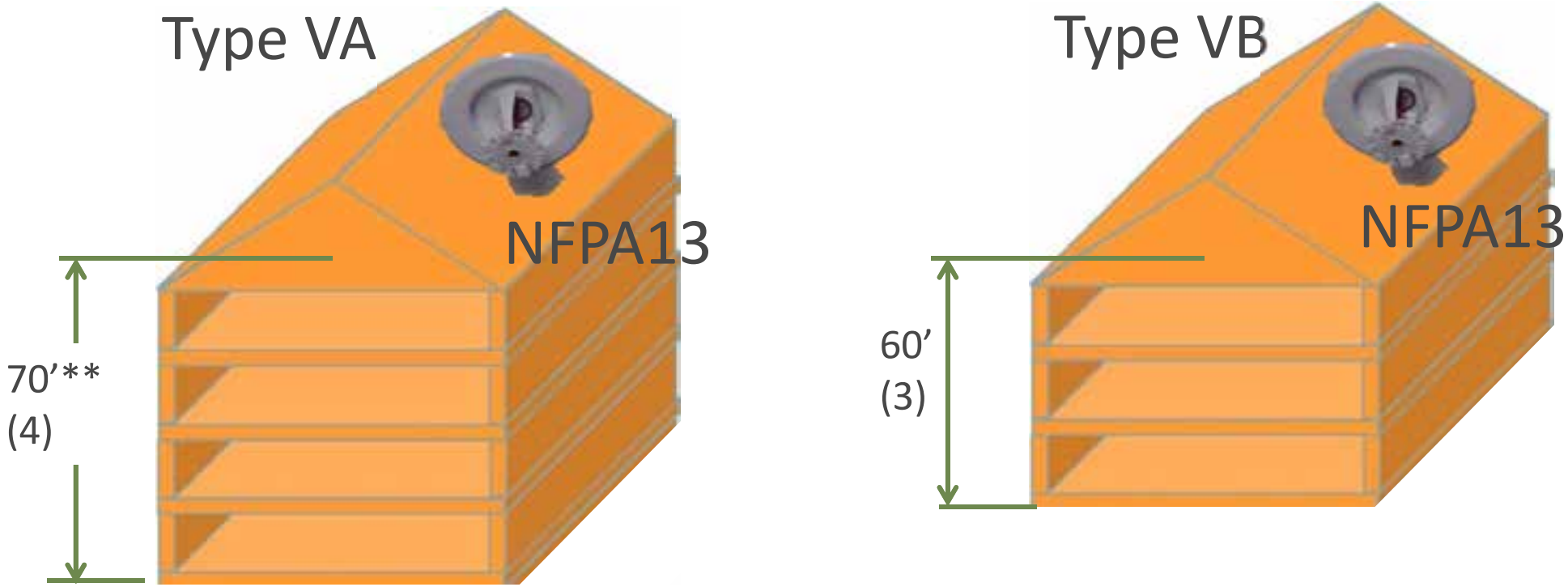


Occupancy	IIA (ft²)*	IIIA (ft²)*
R-1	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)
R-2	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)	72,000 +18,000 (max frontage)

*Areas reflect PER STORY max. Total building max may limit area further.

**ASCE7 12.2-1 limits wood shear wall seismic systems to 65’ in height in SDC D,E,F

Opportunity for



Occupancy	VA (ft^2)*	VB (ft^2)
R-1	36,000 +9,000(max frontage)	21,000 +5,250(max frontage)
R-2	36,000 +9,000(max frontage)	21,000 +5,250(max frontage)

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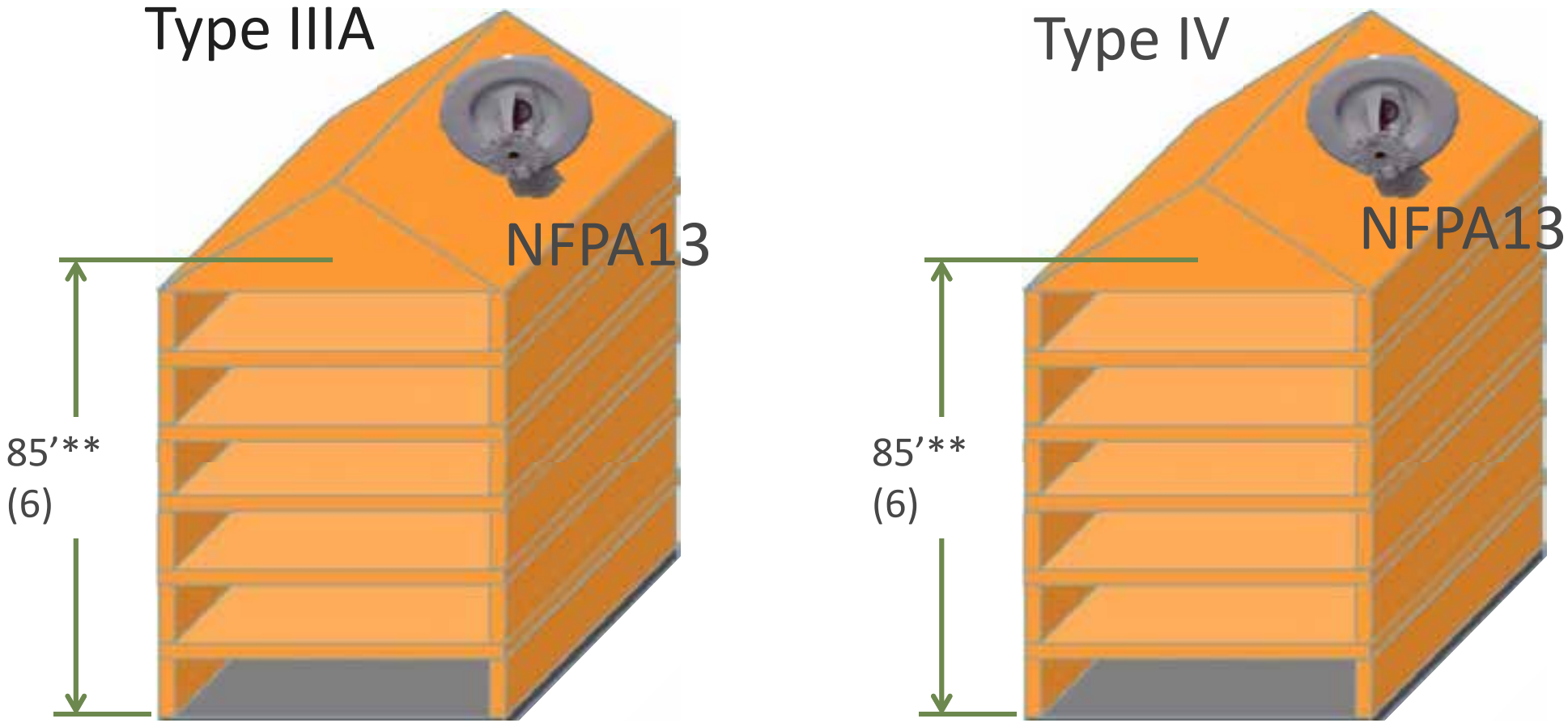
Opportunity for Office Occupancy (B)



Occupancy	IIIA (ft^2)*	IV (ft^2)*
B	85,500 +21,375(max frontage)	108,000 +27,000(max frontage)

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Height – 2015 IBC Table 504.3

IBC 2015: Table 504.3 provides base & increased heights

TABLE 504.3[a]
ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT IN FEET ABOVE GRADE PLANE

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
A, B, E, F, M, S, U	NS[b]	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	70	60
R	NS[d, b]	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
	S13R	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
	S	UL	180	85	75	85	75	85	70	60

NS = Buildings not equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system

S = Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (NFPA 13)

S13R = Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 (NFPA 13R)

**Can still increase these areas by the Frontage Factor of Section 506.3

Stories – 2015 IBC Table 504.4

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION									
	SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
A-2	NS	UL	11	3	2	3	2	3	2	1
	S	UL	12	4	3	4	3	4	3	2
A-3	NS	UL	11	3	2	3	2	3	2	1
	S	UL	12	4	3	4	3	4	3	2
B	NS	UL	11	5	3	5	3	5	3	2
	S	UL	12	6	4	6	4	6	4	3
R-1	NS[d, h]	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
	S13R	4	4						4	3
	S	UL	12	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
R-2	NS[d, h]	UL	11	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
	S13R	4	4	4					4	3
	S	UL	12	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
S-1	NS	UL	11	4	2	3	2	4	3	1
	S	UL	12	5	3	4	3	5	4	2
S-2	NS	UL	11	5	3	4	3	4	4	2
	S	UL	12	6	4	5	4	5	5	3
U	NS	UL	5	4	2	3	2	4	2	1
	S	UL	6	5	3	4	3	5	3	2

Sloped Sites – Chapter 2 Definitions

HEIGHT, BUILDING. The vertical distance from *grade plane* to the average height of the highest roof surface.

GRADE PLANE. A reference plane representing the average of finished ground level adjoining the building at *exterior walls*. Where the finished ground level slopes away from the *exterior walls*, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area between the building and the *lot line* or, where the *lot line* is more than 6 feet (1829 mm) from the building, between the building and a point 6 feet (1829 mm) from the building.

626 Dekalb Avenue, Atlanta, GA
Matt Church - Davis Church Structural Engineers

Basements – 2015 IBC 506.1.3

A basement is not included in the total allowable building area if it doesn't exceed the area permitted for a building with no more than one story above grade plane.

"Basement" is defined not a "story above grade plane" as having a finished floor surface:

- Less than 6 feet above grade plane or
- Less than 12 feet above the finished ground level at any point

Fashion Valley, CA
AvalonBay Communities

Summary of Building Heights

Building Heights and Stories by Building Type With NFPA 13 Sprinklers				
	IIIA	IIIB	VA	VB
Occupancy	85 ft	75 ft	70 ft	60 ft
R-1/R-2/R-4	5	5	4	3
A-2/A-3	4	3	3	2
B	6	4	4	3
M	5	3	4	2
S-2	5	4	5	3
S-1	4	3	4	2

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Area Increases – IBC 2015

TABLE 506.2[a, b]
ALLOWABLE AREA FACTOR (A_t = NS, S1, S13R, or SM, as applicable) IN SQUARE FEET

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
R-1	NS[d, h]	UL	UL	24,000	16,000	24,000	16,000	20,500	12,000	7,000
	S13R									
	S1	UL	UL	96,000	64,000	96,000	64,000	82,000	48,000	28,000
	SM	UL	UL	72,000	48,000	72,000	48,000	61,500	36,000	21,000

NS = Buildings not equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system

S1 = Buildings a maximum of one story above grade plane equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (NFPA 13)

SM = Buildings two or more stories above grade plane equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (NFPA 13)

S13R = Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 (NFPA 13R)

**Can still increase these areas by the Frontage Factor of Section 506.3

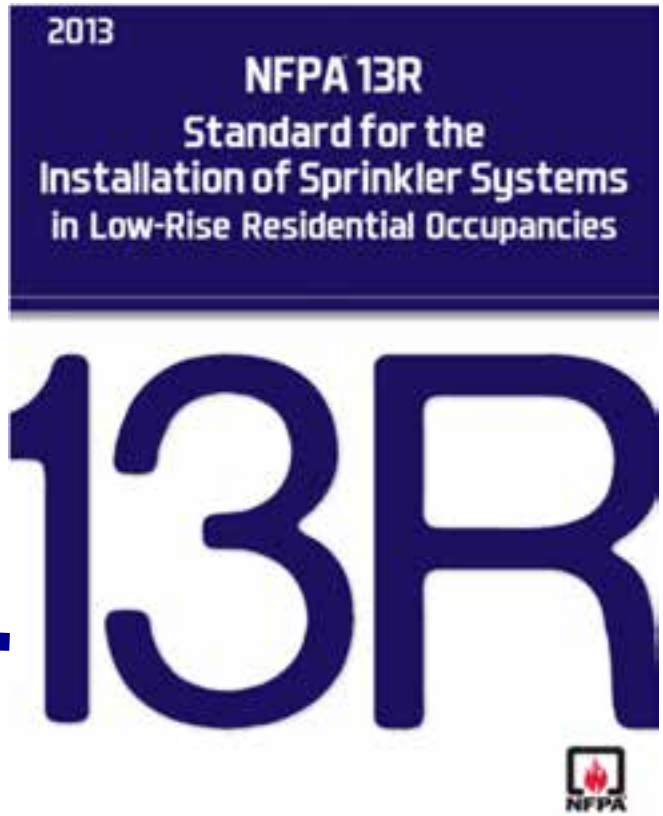
Sprinkler Systems: 2015 IBC 903.2

In some cases, sprinklers are required by code depending on occupancy

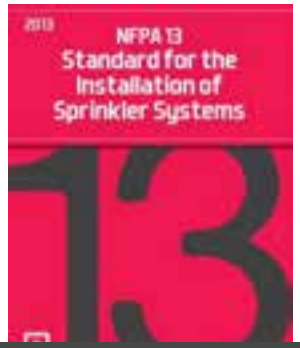
- Most new Group R fire areas
- Group A, E, M, S-1, I fire areas exceeding 1-12k sf

Commercial Sprinkler Systems – IBC 903.3.1

- NFPA 13: Standard for Commercial Construction 903.3.1.1
- NFPA 13R: Residential Occupancies (One and Two Family or Low-Rise Multi-Family and Commercial) 903.3.1.2
- NFPA 13D: Standard for One and Two Family Residences (but allowed in a few commercial occupancies) 903.3.1.3



NFPA 13 vs. NFPA 13R



NFPA 13	NFPA 13R
Goal: Provide life safety and property protection	Goal: Provide life safety only
Fully sprinklered system, throughout entire building even in unoccupied spaces (closets, attics)	Partially sprinklered system, unoccupied spaces often don't require sprinklers
Can cost more	Lower levels of water discharge, shorter water supply time can result in smaller pipe sizes, reduce need for storage & pumps
Permitted for many occupancies, buildings of many sizes, allows greater building size increases	Limited applications, mainly for multi-family up to 4 stories, 60 feet

Single Occupancy, 1 Story – 506.2.3

(Equation 5-1)

$$A_a = A_t + [NS \times I_f]$$

A_a = Allowable area per story (sq. ft.)

A_t = Tabular area per story –NS, S1 or S13R (sq. ft.)

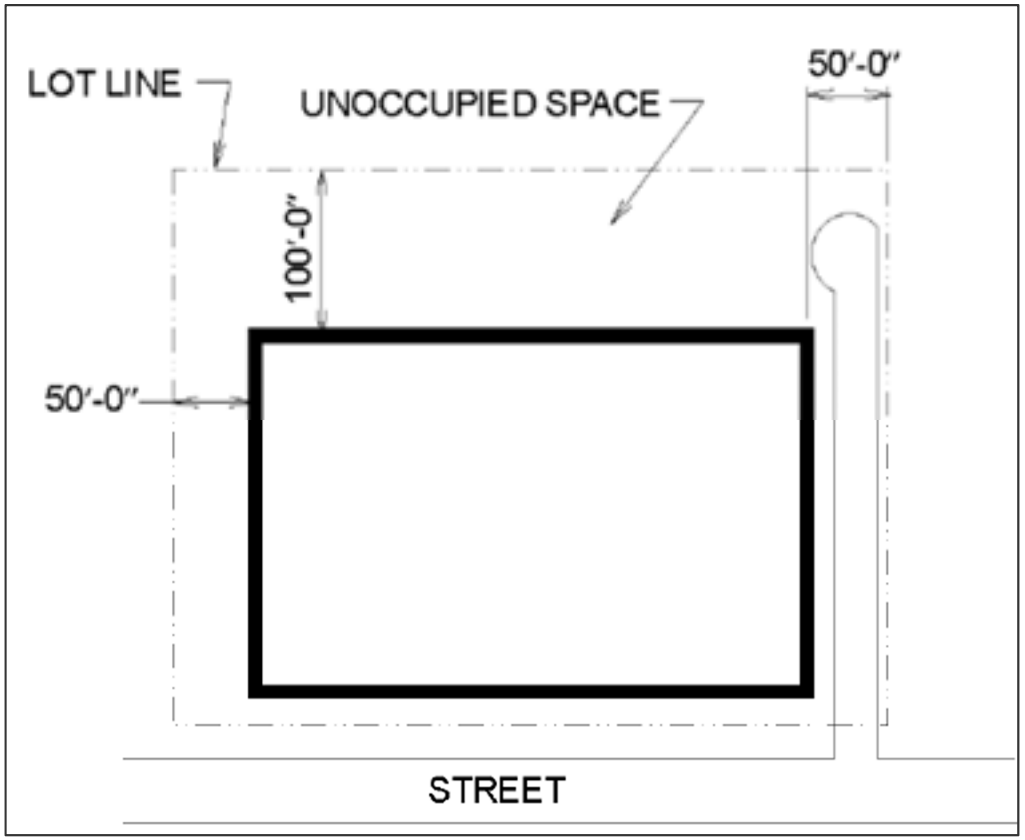
NS = Tabular allowable area per Table 506.2 for a non-sprinklered building (sprinklered or not)

I_f = Area increase factor due to frontage

(IBC 506.3) $I_{f\,max} = .75$

Area Modification – Frontage IBC 506.3

The allowable area of a building is permitted to be increased when it has a certain amount of frontage on streets (public ways) or open spaces, since this provides access to the structure by fire service personnel, a temporary refuge area for occupants as they leave the building in a fire emergency and a reduced exposure to and from adjacent structures.



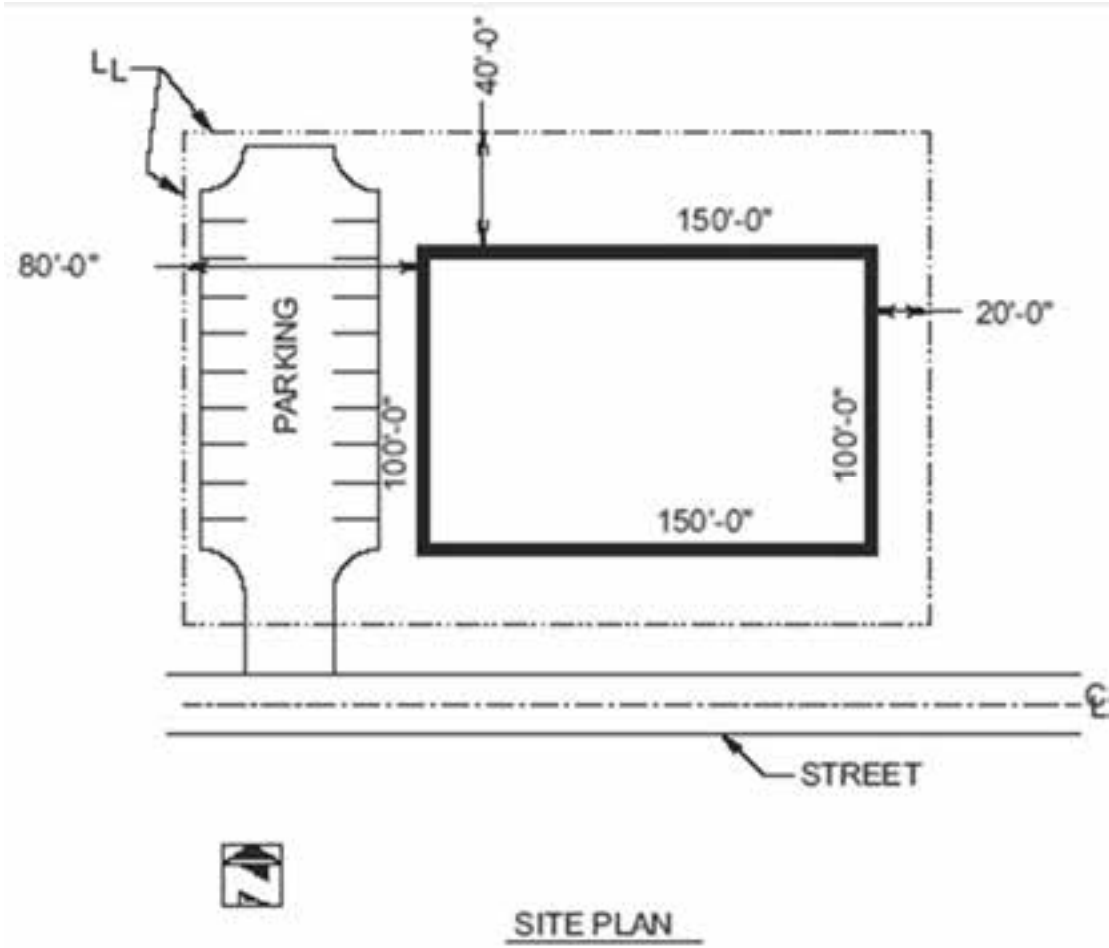
Frontage Increases – IBC 506.3.3

$$I_f = [F/P - 0.25]W/30$$

(IBC Equation 5-2)

Where:

- I_f = Area increase due to frontage
- F = Building perimeter that fronts on a public way or open space having 20 feet open minimum width
- P = Perimeter of entire building
- W = Width of public way or open space (feet) in accordance with section 506.2.1



Area Modification – Frontage IBC 506.3

Minimum Qualifications:

- 25% min of building perimeter is on a public way or open space
- 20’ min distance from building face to:
  - Closest interior lot line
  - Entire width of public way
  - Exterior face of adjacent building

Exceptions:

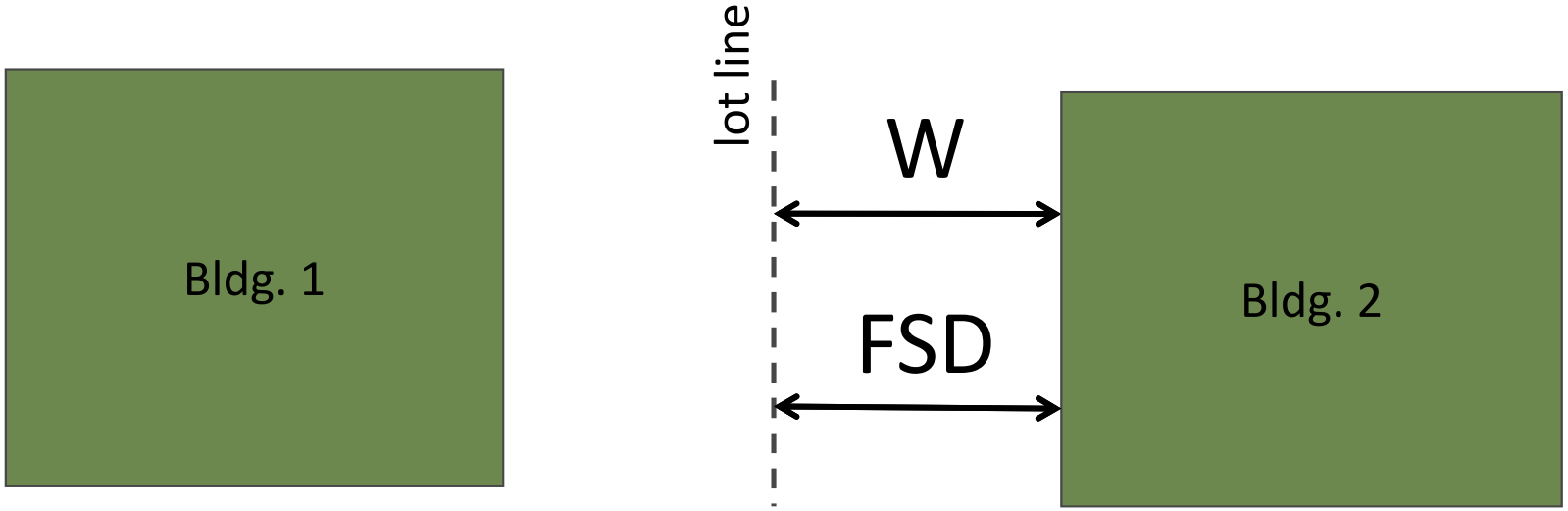
- Where building meets Unlimited requirements of IBC 507
- And W> 30’
- W_{max} = 60’

Frontage Increases – IBC 506.3.2

"W" for area increases is NOT always the same as Fire Separation Distance for purposes of fire resistance ratings of walls and openings

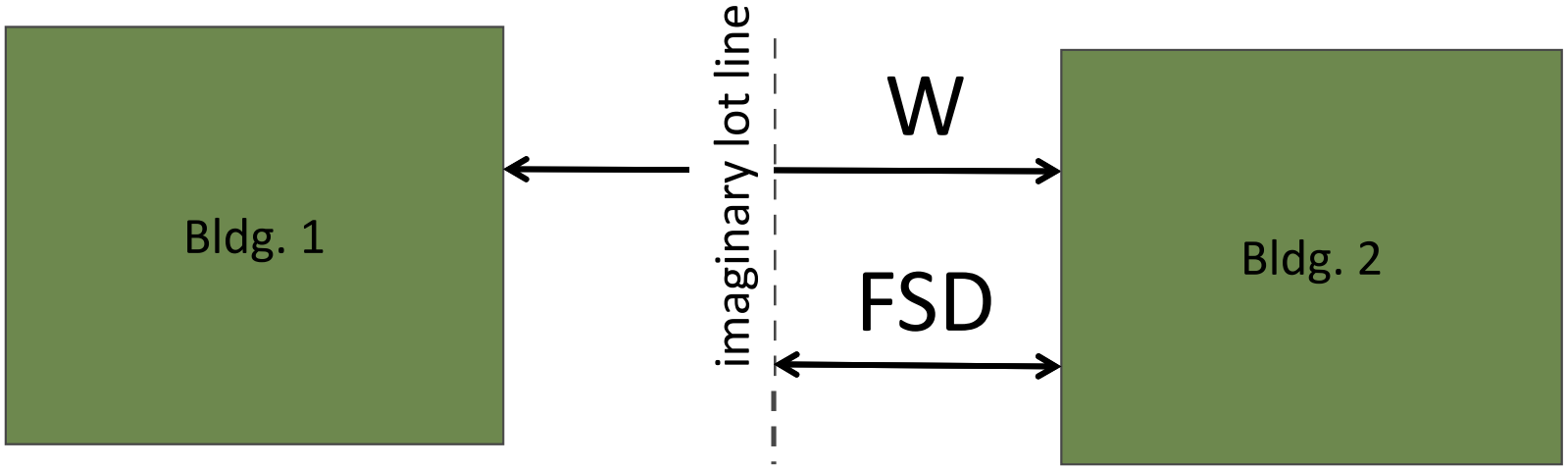
Frontage Increases – IBC 506.3.2

For two buildings on DIFFERENT lots



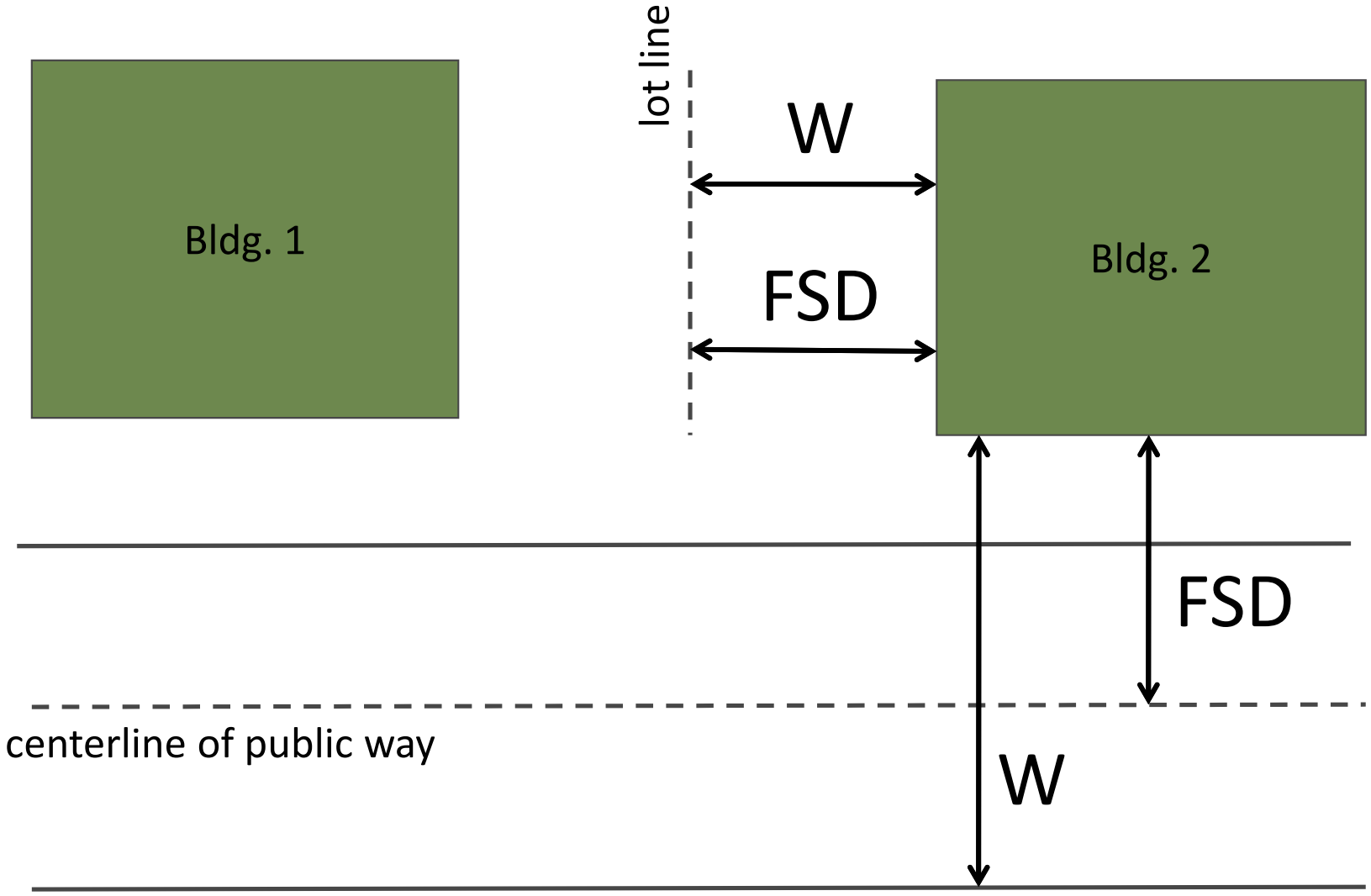
Frontage Increases – IBC 506.3.2

For two buildings on the SAME lot



Frontage Increases – IBC 506.3.2

Buildings near public right of ways:



Frontage Increases – 2015 IBC 506.3.2

(IBC Equation 5-4)

$$W = [(L_1 \times w_1) + (L_2 \times w_2) + (L_3 \times w_3)....]/F$$

- W = Calculated Width (weighted average) of public way or open space (feet)
- L_n = Length of a portion of the exterior perimeter wall
- w_n = Width (≥ 20 ft) of public way or open space associated with that portion of the exterior perimeter wall
- F = Building perimeter that fronts on a public way or open space having 20 feet open minimum width

Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

(Equation 5-2)

$$A_a = [A_t + (NS \times I_f)] \times S_a$$

- A_a = Allowable area (sq. ft.)
- A_t = Tabular area per story (sq. ft.)
- NS = Tabular allowable area per Table 506.2 for a non-sprinklered building (sprinklered or not)
- I_f = Area increase factor due to frontage
- (IBC 506.3) $I_{f\ max} = .75$
- S_a = Actual number of building stories above grade.
- $S_{a\ max}$= 3 for buildings w/o sprinklers
- $S_{a\ max}$ = 4 for building w/ NFPA 13R sprinklers

Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

- 1 story building
  - Total Area is 1x A_a

R-2
S13R

R-2
S1

Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

- 2 story building
  - Total Area is 2x A_a

R-2
S13R

R-2
SM

Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

- 3 story building
  - Total Area is 3x A_a
  - Frontage Increase is included in A_a

R-2
S13R + I_f(NS)

24K	.75(24K)
24K	.75(24K)
24K	.75(24K)

R-2
SM + I_f(NS)

72K +	.75(24K)
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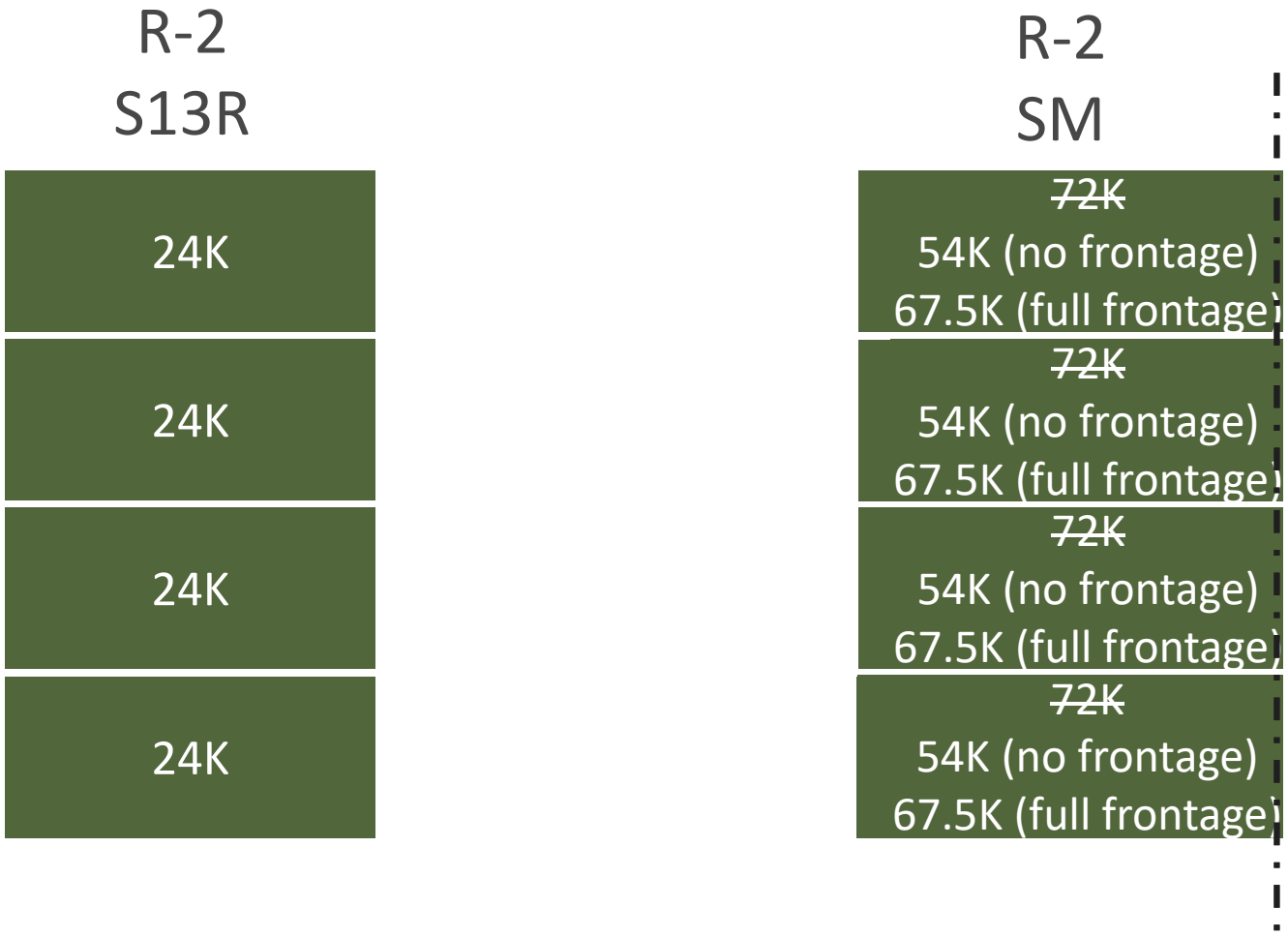
Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

- 4 story IIIA building
  - Total Area is 3x A_a

Total Building Area – 2015 IBC 506.2.3

- 4 story IIIA building
  - Total Area is 3x A_a



Mixed Occupancy, Multi-story

(Described in 508.4.2)

$$\text{Story Area: } \Sigma[A_t + (NS \times I_f)]/A_a \leq 1$$

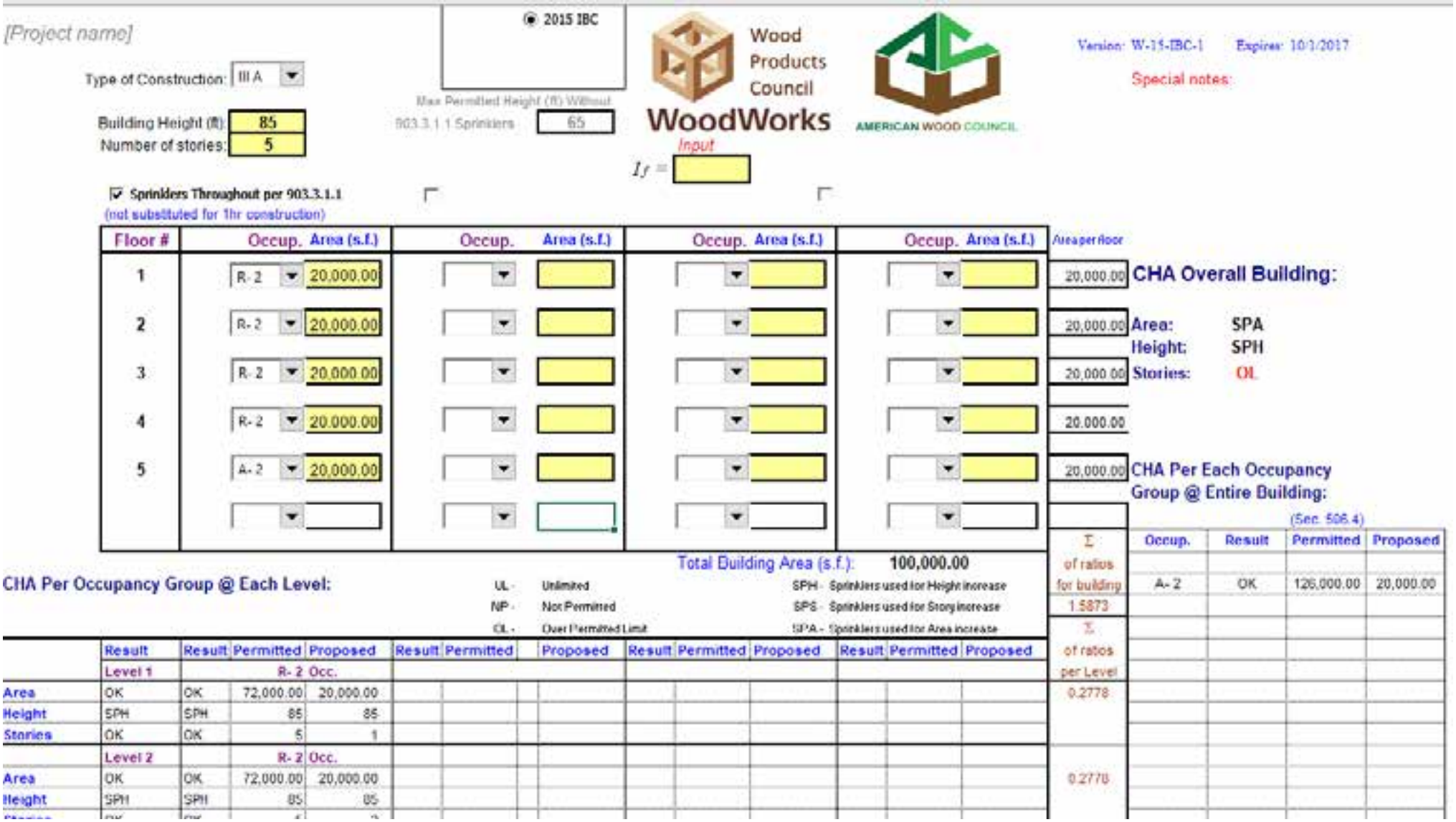
(Described in 506.2.4)

$$\text{Total Building Area: } \Sigma[A_t + (NS \times I_f)]/A_a \leq S_a$$

- A_a = Allowable area per story (sq. ft.)
- A_t = Tabular area per story – NS, S13R, SM (sq. ft.)
- NS = Tabular allowable area per Table 506.2 for a non-sprinklered building (sprinklered or not)
- I_f = Area increase factor due to frontage
- (IBC 506.3) $I_{f\ max} = .75$
- S_a = Actual number of building stories above grade.
- $S_{a\ max}$= 3 for buildings w/o sprinklers and those w/ NFPA13
- $S_{a\ max}$ = 4 for building w/ NFPA 13R sprinklers

Mixed Use Occupancy – Design Aid

Located at woodworks.org – Design aid for mixed use occupancy calculator (Heights & Areas Calculator) Based on 2015 IBC



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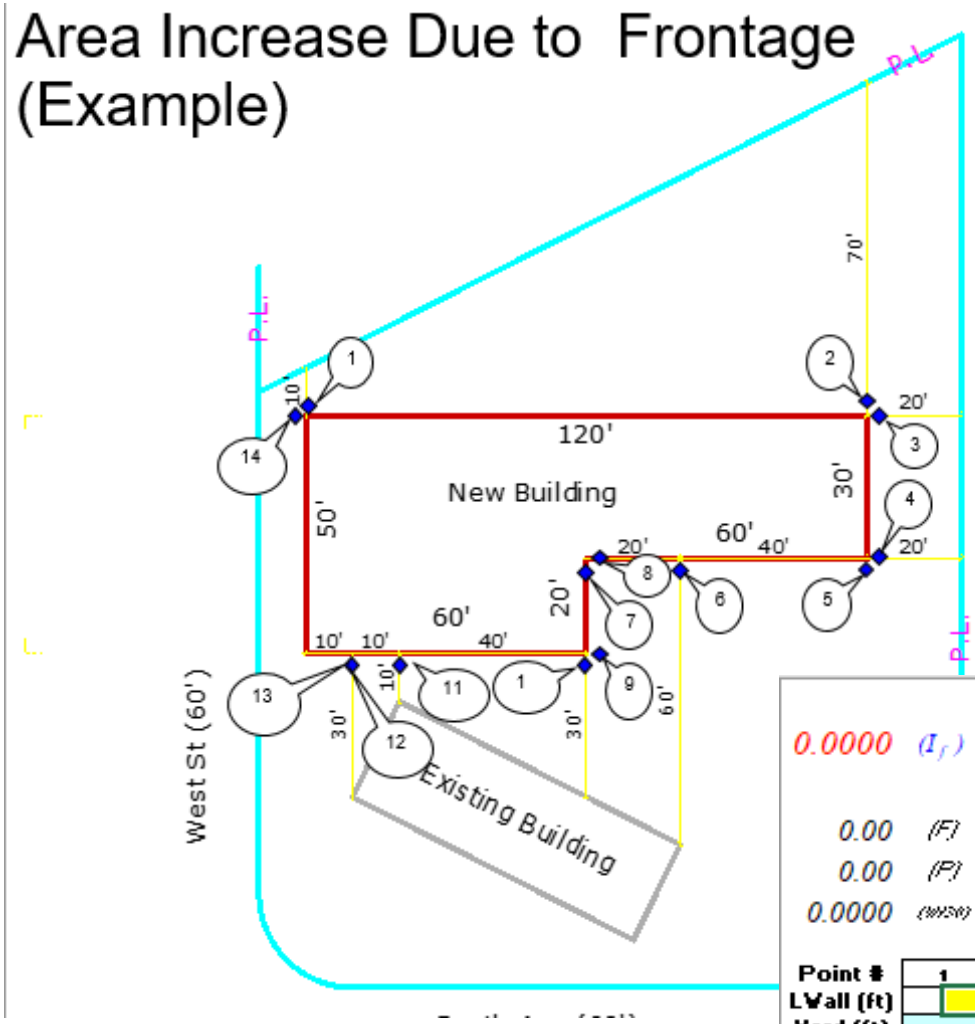

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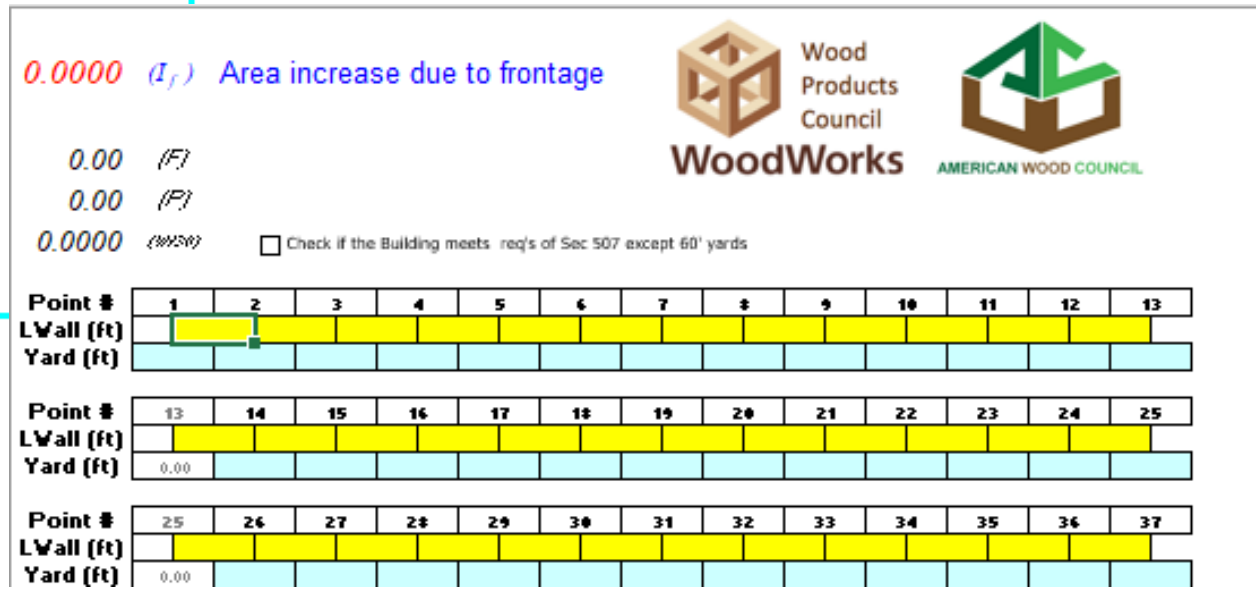


Case Study: Innovations in Wood

Emory Point

Location: Atlanta, GA

3 buildings complete - Luxury Apt., retail, restaurants

- (1) 5 story Type III wood frame over slab on grade
- (2) 4 stories of wood over 1 story concrete podium

35% Structure Savings

- $14/sf (wood concept)
- $22/sf (PT conc. Slab and frame)

Architect: Cooper Carry, The Preston Partnership

Engineer: Ellinwood + Machado, Pruitt Eberly Stone

Contractor: Fortune-Johnson Contracting

Completed: 2012

Photo credit: Gables Residential

Mezzanines – 2015 IBC 505

Not counted toward building area or height if:**

- Maximum 1/3 floor area of *room* or *space* where located
- Special egress provisions apply
- Must be open and unobstructed to room in which it's located (walls ≤ 42" allowed)
  - Several exceptions
- Slightly different for equipment platforms

**Does count toward fire area with regard to fire protection in Chapter 9

Case Study: Maximizing View and Value With Wood

Marselle Condominiums

Location: Seattle WA

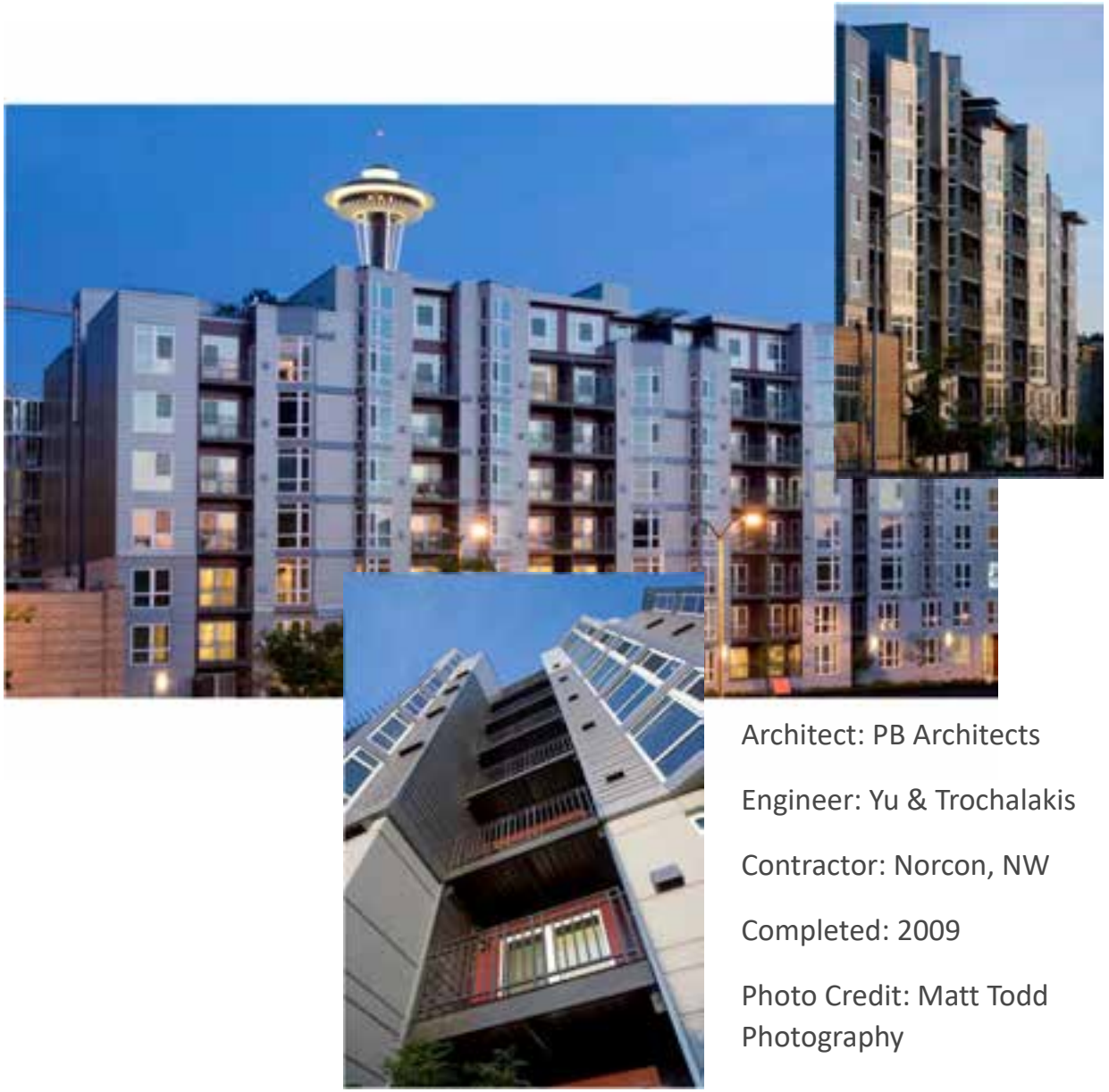
Type IIIA condo complex

5 -1/2 stories of wood over 2 stories of concrete

mezzanine added $250K cost, but $1M in value

30% cost savings over concrete

Time savings over steel



Architect: PB Architects

Engineer: Yu & Trochalakis

Contractor: Norcon, NW

Completed: 2009

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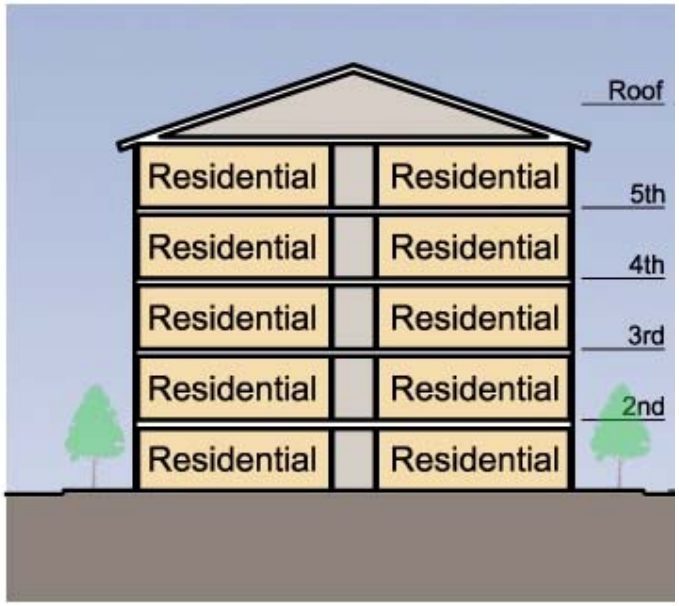
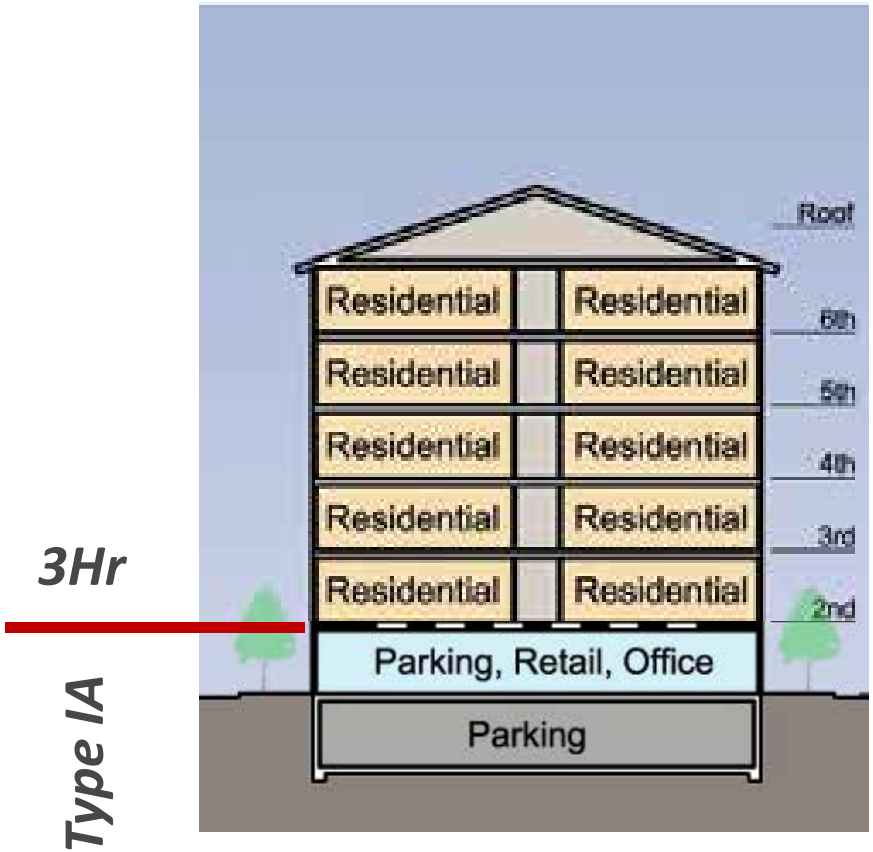
IBC Podium Provisions



5 story Type III Building



5 story Type III Building
On Top of a Type IA Podium

Special Provisions for Podiums in IBC 510.2
Increases allowable stories… not allowable building height

Horizontal Building Separation – 510.2

Considered separate buildings above and below for purposes of area calculations if:

- Overall height is still limited to min of either building
- 3hr rated horizontal assembly
- Building below is Type 1A with sprinklers
- Enclosures penetrating horizontal assembly are 2hr rated
- Occupancy above is A (occupant load <300), B, M, R or S
- Occupancy below is any except H

The Flats at ISU, Normal, IL
OKW Architects
Precision Builders & Associates

Case Study: Wood Buildings Aim High

Inman Park Condominiums

Location: Atlanta, GA

Architect: Brown Doane Architects

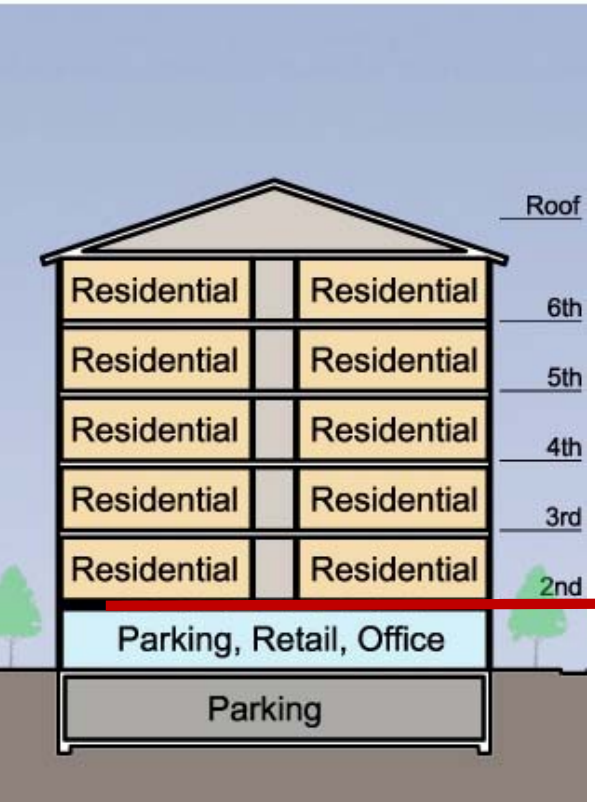
Engineer: Davis & Church

4 stories of wood over 2 stories of concrete parking

Floor joists selected to maximize headroom and not exceed building height (10’ ceilings)

Drop ceilings for MEP at perimeter of some rooms

Evolution of IBC Mixed-Use Podium



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Type IA

IBC	2006	2009	2012	2015
Section	509.2	509.2	510.2	510.2
Upper Occupancy	A, B, M, R or S			
Lower Occupancy	S-2 Parking	A, B, M, R or S-2 Parking		Any Except H
Podium Height	1 Story			No Restriction

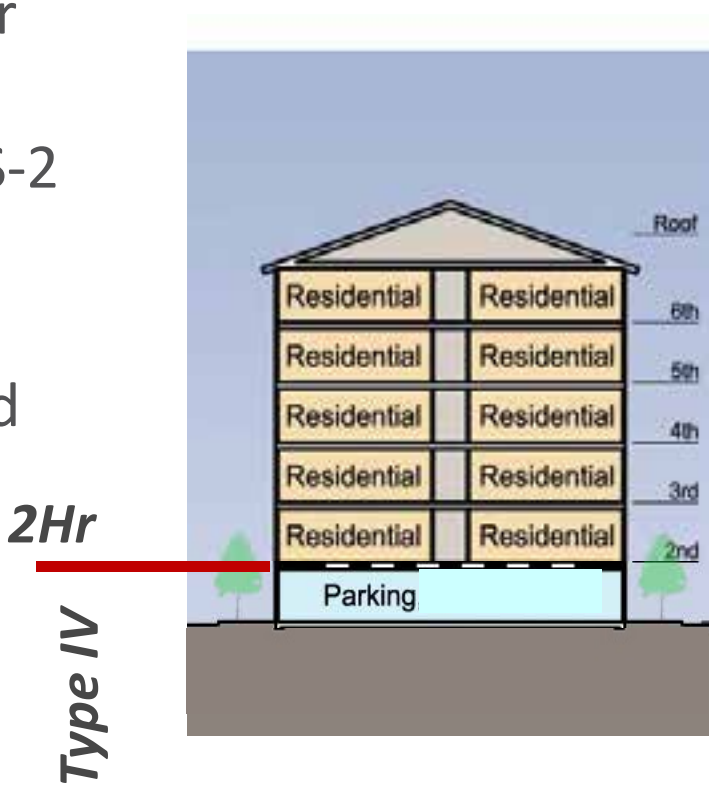
IBC Provisions for Mixed-Use podium have been evolving.

2015 IBC allows multiple podium stories above grade.

Parking Beneath Group R – IBC 510.4

Possibility of a Type IV podium where number of stories starts above parking when:

- Occupancy above is R and below is S-2
- Lower floor is open Type IV parking with grade entrance
- Horizontal assembly between 1st and 2nd floor shall be
  - Type IV
  - Have 1 hr fire resistance rating when sprinklered
  - Have 2 hr fire resistance rating when not sprinklered
- Overall height is still limited to occupancy



5 story Type III Building On Top of a Type IV

http://www.woodworks.org/experttip/can-parking-incorporated-mixed-use-wood-frame-buildings-construction-type-perspective/

Horizontal Separation

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All-wood Podiums in Mid-rise Construction

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Abstract

Concern for the environment and climate change as well as the economic downturn of the past few years have created a demand for sustainable multi-family housing. According to the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Home Builders Multifamily Production Index (MPI), a leading indicator for the multi-family market, the apartment and condominium housing market has shown steady improvement for six consecutive quarters. However, today's economic and environmental realities have led the building industry to re-evaluate the way we design and build multi-story buildings.

Mid-rise podium construction, consisting of two to four stories of wood framing above a concrete first story (the "podium") and often incorporating additional subterranean concrete levels, is common throughout North America and in levels of residential units built on top of one or two levels of parking or other non-residential occupancies below. In this paper, we are defining wood podium as the level (or transfer level) between the two or more stories of wood-framed residential occupancy and the lower non-residential occupancy which is traditionally constructed of concrete. In an article titled, "What to Build Now," by Michael Russo, Dan Withee, AIA, LEED AP, and partner with Withee Malcolm Architects LLP in Torrance, CA states, "Wood podium is basically tuck-under apartments on steroids."

The projects described in this paper have parking, retail, and restaurant space on their first level. The podium is composed of gypcrete (or light weight concrete) topping over wood structural panels supported by I-joists and glued laminated (glulam) beams. Both design teams made a conscientious effort to not utilize concrete or steel framing.

ALL-WOOD PODIUMS

Although a podium structure typically refers to wood-frame construction over concrete, a handful of designers have lowered their costs even further by designing the podium in wood.

"When determining the cost of a structure, there are a lot variables, including most notably time, materials and labor," said Karyn Beebe, P.E., of APA. "Using wood instead of concrete lowers the mass of the building, which results in more economical podium shear walls and foundations. Using the same material for the entire structure may also mean lower design costs, and the construction team experiences savings in the form of fewer trades on site, which means less mobilization time, greater efficiency because framing is repeated on all of the levels, easier field modifications, and a faster schedule."

Architect Dan Withee, AIA, LEED AP, of Withee Malcolm Architects designed an 85-unit wood podium project in San Diego. He estimated that a concrete podium can cost $15,000 per parking space compared to $9,500 for wood podium.[6]

- **Horizontal Wood Assemblies are effectively used to transition from Residential units above to Retail/Parking below**

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Cost-effective, code-compliant and sustainable, mid-rise wood construction is gaining the attention of design professionals nationwide, who see it as a way to achieve higher density housing at lower cost—while reducing the carbon footprint of their projects. Yet, many familiar with wood construction for two- to four-story residential structures are not aware that the International Building Code (IBC) allows wood-frame but its benefits are equally applicable to other occupancy types."

Among their benefits, wood buildings typically offer faster construction and reduced installation costs. For example, after completing the first phase of a developer-funded five-story student housing project using steel construction, OKW Architects in Chicago switched to wood. "The 12-gauge steel panels were expensive, were heavy and difficult to install, and welding

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Learning Objectives

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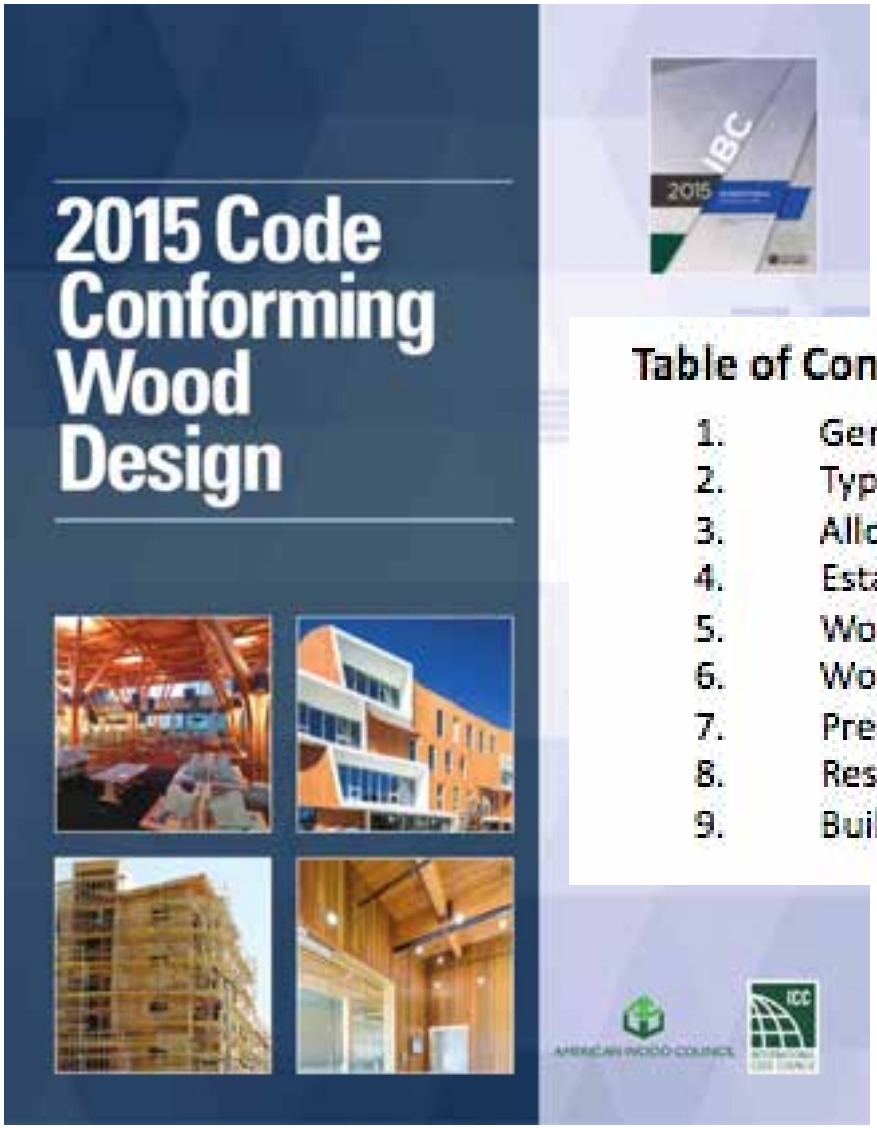
2015 Code Conforming Wood



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Occupied Roofs - 2018 IBC 503.1.4

503.1.4 Occupied roof

A roof level or portion thereof shall be permitted to be used as an occupied roof provided the occupancy of the roof is an occupancy that is permitted by Table 504.4 for the story immediately below the roof. The area of the occupied roofs shall not be included in the building area as regulated by Section 506.

Exceptions:

1. The occupancy located on an occupied roof shall not be limited to the occupancies allowed on the story immediately below the roof where the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1
2. Assembly occupancies shall be permitted on roof of open parking garages of Type I or Type II construction in accordance with the exception to Section 903.2.1.6

Elements or structures enclosing the occupied roof areas shall not extend more than 48 inches above the surface of the occupied floor.

Exception: Penthouse construction in accordance with Section 1510.2 and towers, domes, spires and cupolas constructed in accordance with 1510.5

Questions?

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