

Jerry Jones
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To: Steve Gogreve/osf/LADPS/us
cc:
Subject: elevator lobby separations in high rise buildings

This is in response to your memo concerning elevator lobby separations in high rise buildings. Specifically you have noted that the Standard Building Code does not have an exception concerning the requirement for one-hour elevator lobby separations. You have indicated that you find no policy or interpretive memorandum where this was addressed. I thought we had one specifically dealing with this issue. Since you have researched this matter, I guess we don't. I am forwarding to you under separate cover an interpretive memorandum that should adequately address this issue.

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MEMO

To: Jerry Jones
From: Steve Gogreve
Subject: Elevator Lobby Separation - Southern Standard Building Code/Section 412..6.1
Date: May 19, 1999

Section 412.6.1 states:

All elevators on all floors shall open into elevator lobbies which are separated from the remainder of the building by one-hour fire resistant construction with 20-minute opening protections.

There are no exceptions in the code that would permit the walls and doors not to be rated. I met with Henry Reed and he stated that it is the policy of this office that if the building is equipped with sprinklers (all-high rise buildings are required to be fully sprinklered), the fire rating of the walls and doors of the enclosure can be reduced to a smoke resistant enclosure. I cannot find any memos or Policy/Procedures concerning this issue.

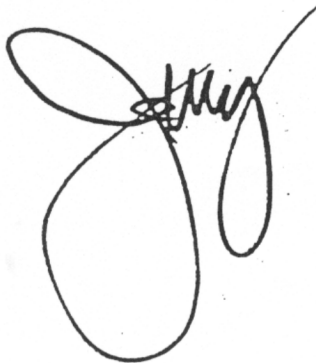
Would you please address this in an interpretive memo so that we can distribute it to our personnel

SG:tm
Attachment

ELEVATOR.WPD

~~THIS REQUIREMENT IN THE CODE ORIGINALLY
REQUIRED ELEVATOR LOBBIES TO BE SEPARATED
"AS REQUIRED FOR CORRIDORS" OR BASED ON THE
FACT CORRIDORS IN BUILDINGS PROTECTED
THROUGHOUT BY AN APPROVED AUTOMATIC FIRE
SPRINKLER SYSTEM ARE REQUIRED BY THE
LIFE SAFETY CODE TO BE SEPARATED BY~~

RE: ATTACHED



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