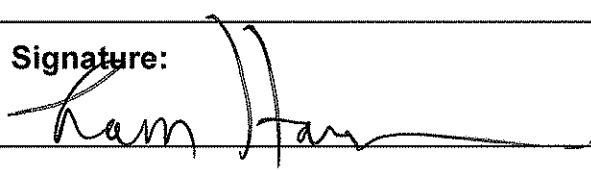


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**Building Code Interpretation  
Egress 003**

***Removing Second Exit from  
a 2-unit Building***

<b>Subject:</b> Removing second exit from existing R-3 two-unit dwelling	<b>Date:</b> April 30, 2007
<b>San Francisco Building Code Section:</b> Sections 1016.1 & 1019.2, #2; Table 1016.6	<b>Code Year:</b> 2007
<b>Approved By:</b> Isam Hasenin, P.E., C.B.O., Director	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Question:</b>  May an existing two-unit R-3 building have a second means of egress removed to have only one exit?	

<b>Answer:</b>  An existing two-unit R-3 building may have a second exit removed under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the R-3 building is no more than 3 stories above grade plane</li><li>• each dwelling unit has an independent exit to a street or public way, or the two units may share a common path of egress travel that does not exceed the distances allowed by Table 1016.1</li><li>• the remaining exit from each of the dwelling units meets the minimum exit requirements that were in effect when the dwellings were built or remodeled with permits.</li><li>• the building fronts on a street or public way and has a rear yard of at least four feet in depth</li></ul>
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