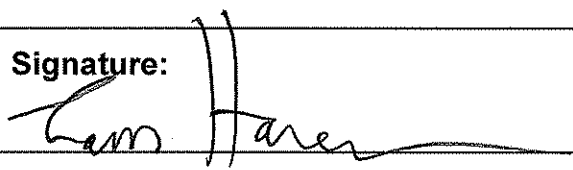


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**Building Code Interpretation  
Fire Safety 002**

***R-3 Sprinkler Exemption***

<b>Subject:</b> Automatic fire sprinkler requirements for non-detached R-3 buildings	<b>Date:</b> March 3, 2008
<b>San Francisco Building Code Sections:</b> 903.2.7	<b>Code Year:</b> 2007
<b>Approved By:</b> Isam Hasenin, P.E., C.B.O., Director	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Question:</b> What R-3 non-detached dwellings are exempt from requirements to install an automatic fire sprinkler system?	

<b>Answer:</b> Non-detached, single-family R-3 dwellings not more than three stories above grade plane are exempt from requirements to install an automatic fire sprinkler system. This corresponds to the requirements for multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) under Section 903.2.7, Exception #1.
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