

***BIC Regular Meeting  
of  
March 16, 2022***

***Agenda Item 13***

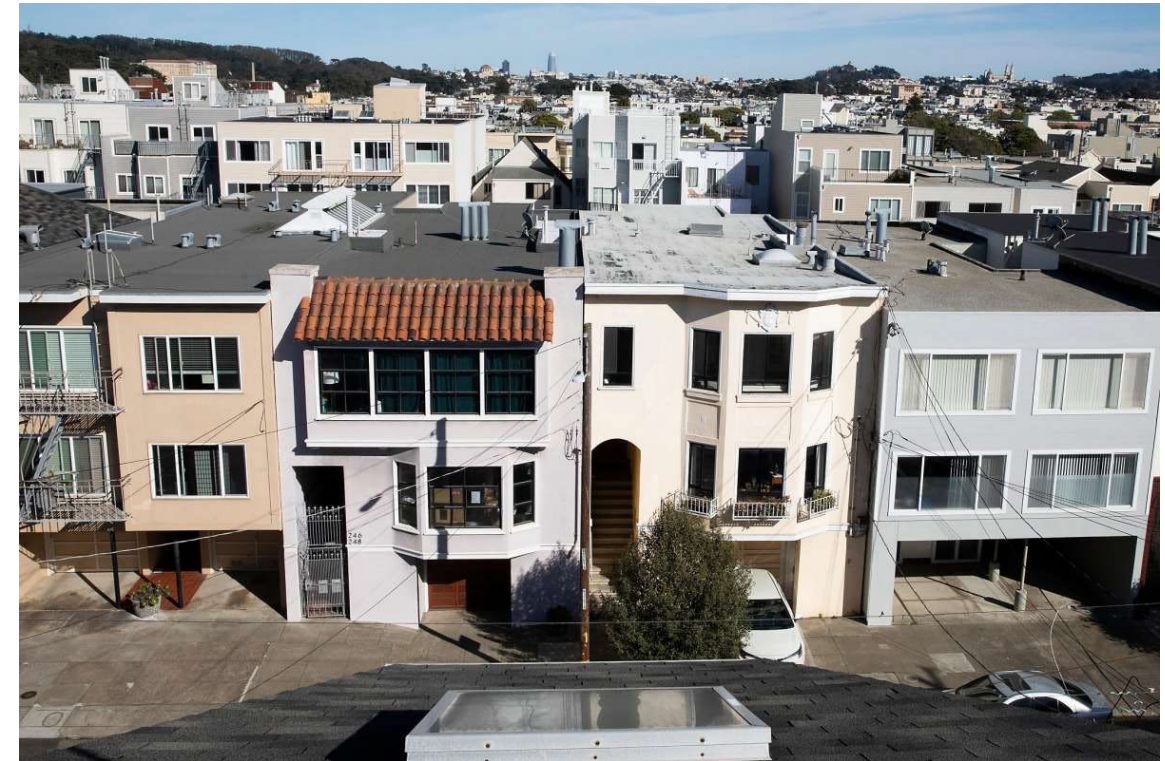
**Update: EG-02 – Changes to Guidance on Emergency  
Escape and Rescue Openings in Group R-3 Occupancy  
Jeff Buckley, Policy and Public Affairs**

# Revised EG- 02: Issue and Impact

**ISSUE:** In Dec. 2018, California State Fire Marshall issued an interpretation that Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings (EERO) in Group R occupancies (not meeting exceptions) are required to be accessible to the fire department using ground ladders

Last December, DBI amended its guidance to staff and design professionals and update it to include escape AND Rescue criteria for fire fighting personnel using ground ladders in R-3 occupancies

DBI is meeting with representatives from the design community to get ideas on how to implement these changes on a permanent basis



San Francisco residential homes with zero-lot coverage

# Revised EG- 02: Existing Issues

Representatives from DBI, Fire and Planning have met repeatedly with American Institute of Architects to receive feedback on:

- 1.) What triggers compliance with the State Fire Marshall's code interpretation?
- 2.) What equivalencies can be approved by the department?
- 3.) What changes need to be incorporated into a revised EG-02 Information Sheet?



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# Revised EG-02: Timeline

Dec. 2018 – California State Fire Marshall issued an interpretation that Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings in Group R occupancies are required to be accessible to the fire department using ground ladders

Dec. 2021 – At the request of the Fire Department, DBI issued a revised, interim EG-02 information sheet

January 28, 2022 – First meeting between DBI, Fire, and Planning staff and the American Institute of Architects of San Francisco (AIASF)

March 3, 2022 – Second meeting between city staff and AIASF representatives

Late March 2022 – Final Meeting between city staff and AIASF proposed to try and resolve outstanding issues

April 20, 2022 BIC – Provide final report on discussions and a revised permanent EG-02 Info Sheet for review