INFORMATION SHEET

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DATE : December 13, 2021
CATEGORY : Egress
SUBJECT : Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings (EERO) Into a Yard or Court of an Existing or New Building with an R-3 Occupancies

REFERENCE :
- Currently adopted San Francisco Building Code Section 1030 Emergency Escape and Rescue
- AB-005 Local Equivalency Case-by-Case Application Procedures
- AB-028 Pre-application and Pre-addendum Plan Review Procedures

INTENT : To clarify the local equivalency requirements for emergency escape and rescue openings that open into a yard or court that does not open directly to a public way for R-3 occupancies

DISCUSSION :
SFBC Section 1030 requires emergency escape and rescue openings (EEROs) to open directly into a public way or to a yard or court that opens to a public way. This information sheet addresses the condition where the EERO's open to a yard or court that does not open directly to a public way for R-3 occupancies.

The intent of the code is that windows required by SFBC Section 1030 be available so that one may escape from that window to the exterior of the building without having to travel through the building itself, and so that rescue can be performed from the exterior. If the EERO's open into a yard that has no access to a public way, they do not meet the requirements of the code where both escape and rescue can be accomplished.

Projects may request for approval of local equivalency where both of the following conditions are met:

1. The escape criteria of the EERO may be accomplished where the EERO open into a yard with a minimum of 25' depth

2. The rescue criteria of the EERO at a yard or court that has no direct access to the public way shall be proposed by the project sponsor and evaluated on a case by case basis by the Supervisor or Manager.

All other conditions will also be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Supervisor or Manager. A pre-application meeting and/or approval of AB-005 is required.

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