

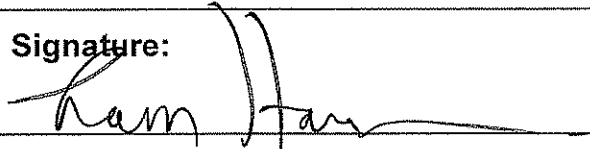


## **DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION**

City and County of San Francisco  
1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

### **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?	

### **Answer:**

An existing two-unit R-3 building may have a second exit removed under the following conditions:

- the R-3 building is no more than 3 stories above grade plane
- 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
- 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.
- the building fronts on a street or public way and has a rear yard of at least four feet in depth

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