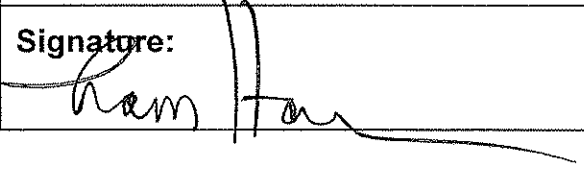


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**Building Code Interpretation
Egress 002**

***Removing Second Exit from
Single Family Building***

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| Subject: Removing Second Exit from Existing R-3 Single Family Building | Date: May 13, 2008 |
| San Francisco Building Code Section: 1019.2, #2 | Code Year: 2007 |
| Approved By: Isam Hasenin, Director, P.E., C.B.O., | Signature:  |
| Question: May an existing single-family building have a second means of egress removed to have only one exit? | |

Answer:

Yes, an existing building containing a single dwelling unit may have a second exit, serving the dwelling unit, removed under the following conditions:

- the dwelling is no more than 3 stories above grade plane
- the remaining exit from the dwelling meets the minimum exit requirements that were in effect when the dwelling was built or remodeled with permits
- the dwelling fronts on a street or public way
- the dwelling has a rear yard of at least four feet in depth.

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