

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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

Building Code Interpretation Fire Safety 002

R-3 Sprinkler Exemption

Subject:	Automatic fire sprinkler requirements for non-detached R-3 buildings	Date: March 3, 2008
San Francisco Building Code Sections: 903.2.7		Code Year: 2007
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Question:

What R-3 non-detached dwellings are exempt from requirements to install an automatic fire sprinkler system?

Answer:

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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