3. Ceiling and roof soffits located a minimum horizontal distance of 10 feet (3048 mm) from the outer edges of the ceiling or roof soffits.

**WIRE BACKING.** Horizontal strands of tautened wire attached to surfaces of vertical supports which, when covered with the building paper, provide a backing for cement plaster.

## **SECTION 2503 INSPECTION**

**2503.1 Inspection.** Lath and gypsum board shall be inspected in accordance with Section 110.3.5.

## SECTION 2504 VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLIES

**2504.1 Scope.** The following requirements shall be met where construction involves gypsum board, lath and plaster in vertical and horizontal assemblies.

**2504.1.1 Wood framing.** Wood supports for lath or gypsum board, as well as wood stripping or furring, shall not be less than 2 inches (51 mm) nominal thickness in the least dimension.

**Exception:** The minimum nominal dimension of wood furring strips installed over solid backing shall not be less than 1 inch by 2 inches (25 mm by 51 mm).

**2504.1.2 Studless partitions.** The minimum thickness of vertically erected studless solid plaster partitions of  $^3/_8$ -inch (9.5 mm) and  $^3/_4$ -inch (19.1 mm) rib metal lath or  $^1/_2$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) long-length gypsum lath and gypsum board partitions shall be 2 inches (51 mm).

## SECTION 2505 SHEAR WALL CONSTRUCTION

**2505.1 Resistance to shear (wood framing).** Wood-framed shear walls sheathed with gypsum board, lath and plaster shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Section 2306.7 and are permitted to resist wind and seismic loads. Walls resisting seismic loads shall be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2.1 of ASCE 7.

**2505.2 Resistance to shear (steel framing).** Cold-formed steel-framed shear walls sheathed with gypsum board and constructed in accordance with the materials and provisions of Section 2210.6 are permitted to resist wind and seismic loads. Walls resisting seismic loads shall be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2.1 of ASCE 7.

## SECTION 2506 GYPSUM BOARD MATERIALS

**2506.1** General. Gypsum board materials and accessories shall be identified by the manufacturer's designation to indicate compliance with the appropriate standards referenced in this section and stored to protect such materials from the weather.