

## DEFINITIONS

**[BE] RESTRICTED ENTRANCE.** An entrance that is made available for *common use* on a controlled basis, but not public use, and that is not a *service entrance*.

**[BG] RETRACTABLE AWNING.** A retractable *awning* is a cover with a frame that retracts against a building or other structure to which it is entirely supported.

**[BS] RISK CATEGORY.** A categorization of buildings and other structures for determination of *flood*, wind, snow, ice and earthquake *loads* based on the risk associated with unacceptable performance.

**[BS] RISK-TARGETED MAXIMUM CONSIDERED EARTHQUAKE ( $MCE_R$ ) GROUND MOTION RESPONSE ACCELERATIONS.** The most severe earthquake effects considered by this code, determined for the orientation that results in the largest maximum response to horizontal ground motions and with adjustment for targeted risk.

**[BS] ROOF ASSEMBLY (For application to Chapter 15 only).** A system designed to provide weather protection and resistance to design *loads*. The system consists of a *roof covering* and *roof deck* or a single component serving as both the roof covering and the *roof deck*. A roof assembly can include an underlayment, a thermal barrier, insulation or a *vapor retarder*.

**[BS] ROOF COATING.** A fluid-applied, adhered coating used for roof maintenance or *roof repair*, or as a component of a *roof covering system* or *roof assembly*.

**[BS] ROOF COVERING.** The covering applied to the *roof deck* for weather resistance, fire classification or appearance.

**ROOF COVERING SYSTEM.** See “Roof assembly.”

**[BS] ROOF DECK.** The flat or sloped surface constructed on top of the *exterior walls* of a building or other supports for the purpose of enclosing the *story* below, or sheltering an area, to protect it from the elements, not including its supporting members or vertical supports.

**ROOF DRAINAGE, POSITIVE.** See “Positive roof drainage.”

**[BS] ROOF RECOVER.** The process of installing an additional *roof covering* over a prepared existing *roof covering* without removing the existing *roof covering*.

**[BS] ROOF REPAIR.** Reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purposes of its maintenance.

**[BS] ROOF REPLACEMENT.** The process of removing the existing *roof covering*, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new *roof covering*.

**[BG] ROOF VENTILATION.** The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, *attics*, cathedral ceilings or other enclosed spaces over which a *roof assembly* is installed.

**[BG] ROOFTOP STRUCTURE.** A structure erected on top of the *roof deck* or on top of any part of a building.

**[BS] RUNNING BOND.** The placement of *masonry units* such that *head joints* in successive courses are horizontally offset at least one-quarter the unit length.

**[BG] SALLYPORT.** A security vestibule with two or more doors or gates where the intended purpose is to prevent con-

tinuous and unobstructed passage by allowing the release of only one door or gate at a time.

**[BE] SCISSOR STAIRWAY.** Two interlocking *stairways* providing two separate paths of egress located within one *exit* enclosure.

**[BS] SCUPPER.** An opening in a wall or parapet that allows water to drain from a roof.

**[BG] SECONDARY MEMBERS.** The following structural members shall be considered secondary members and not part of the *primary structural frame*:

1. Structural members not having direct connections to the columns.
2. Members of the floor construction and roof construction not having direct connections to the columns.
3. Bracing members other than those that are part of the *primary structural frame*.

**[BS] SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY.** A classification assigned to a structure based on its *risk category* and the severity of the *design earthquake ground motion* at the site.

**[BS] SEISMIC FORCE-RESISTING SYSTEM.** That part of the structural system that has been considered in the design to provide the required resistance to the prescribed seismic forces.

**[BF] SELF-CLOSING.** As applied to a *fire door* or other opening protective, means equipped with an device that will ensure closing after having been opened.

**[BE] SELF-LUMINOUS.** Illuminated by a self-contained power source, other than batteries, and operated independently of external power sources.

**SELF-PRESERVATION, INCAPABLE OF.** See “Incapable of self-preservation.”

**[BG] SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY.** Real property designed and used for the purpose of renting or leasing individual storage spaces to customers for the purpose of storing and removing personal property on a self-service basis.

**[F] SERVICE CORRIDOR.** A fully enclosed passage used for transporting *HPM* and purposes other than required *means of egress*.

**[BE] SERVICE ENTRANCE.** An entrance intended primarily for delivery of goods or services.

**[BF] SHAFT.** An enclosed space extending through one or more *stories* of a building, connecting vertical openings in successive floors, or floors and roof.

**[BF] SHAFT ENCLOSURE.** The walls or construction forming the boundaries of a *shaft*.

**[BS] SHALLOW FOUNDATION.** A shallow foundation is an individual or strip footing, a mat foundation, a slab-on-grade foundation or a similar foundation element.

**[BS] SHEAR WALL (for Chapter 23).** A wall designed to resist lateral forces parallel to the plane of a wall.

**Shear wall, perforated.** A wood structural panel sheathed wall with openings, that has not been specifically designed and detailed for force transfer around openings.