



Code Interpretation Committee Response Form

IBC 302.3.3

DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDING & FIRE SAFETY

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Question/issue: Table 302.3.3 required separation between R3/U is 1-hour with footnote g "see Exception to Section 302.3.3." This footnote is not indicated at R2/U. (1) Was this intentional or not? Table 302.3.3 Exception 2 reads: "The private garage shall be separated from the RESIDENCE by 1/2 gypsum...". (2) Does this exception apply only to R3 and not condos? (3) Would we be able to use 302.3.2 non-separated use?

Position: Statement 1: Yes, it was reviewed by the International Code Council's Code Development Committee.

Statement 2: This exception applies only to R3/U occupancies under the IBC and not condos or apartments.

Statement 3: Yes, see Statement 2 above.

Justification: Statement 1: None

Statement 2: Table 302.3.3 has provided two separate lines for R2 and R3 occupancies. This is intentional and not accidental. The actions of occupants in different units of apartment or condo buildings may affect the others. For example, the habitable portions of apartment or condo units may overlap the neighbor's U garage. This requires a further separation requirement than the IRC as for houses.

Statement 3: Non-separated uses remain available for all occupancies with the most restrictive form of construction to apply.

Code references: 2000 IBC Section 302.3.3, Exception 2 and Table 302.3.3.R2/U and R3/U with Footnote g

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