

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO: I-13-09

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The following is offered in response to your correspondence in which you seek a formal interpretation. The question would apply to Section 317.2, of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Question:

“Are electric type SE feeder cables allowed to pass through 2 hour fire separation walls that separate townhouses in order to feed adjacent townhouses?”

Answer:

Yes, the exception to Section R317.2, of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, prohibits plumbing or mechanical equipment within a common 2 hour fireresistance wall. This code section states that the electrical installation shall be installed in accordance with Chapter 33 through 42, of the above code, which does not prohibit the running of electrical feeders through the common wall.