

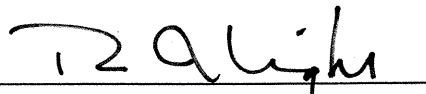
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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	January 18, 2011
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006
Subject:	Fire Separation between multiple Repair Garages
Keywords:	Separation of Suites, Repair Garage
Building Code Reference(s):	3.3.1.1.(1); 3.3.5.5.(1)
Question:	<p>In a building that contains more than one suite of repair garages, is a 2 h fire separation required between such suites?</p>
Interpretation:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Sentence 3.3.1.1.(1) requires installation of <u>not less</u> than 1 h fire separation between suites. In addition Sentence 3.3.5.5.(1) requires a 2h fire separation between a repair garage and other occupancies, including another repair garage. This requirement is dictated by recognition of increased fire hazard inherent in the repair garage operation.</p> <p> R. J. Light, Committee Chair</p>
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