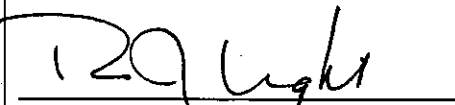


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Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006	
Subject:	Swing of the exterior exit door serving single dwelling unit.	
Keywords:	Door swing, Exit	
Building Code Reference(s):	9.9.6.4.	
Question:		
Is the exterior exit door serving a single dwelling unit required to swing on a vertical axis?		
Interpretation:		
Yes.		
Sentence 9.9.6.4.(1) states that the required exit doors shall swing on the vertical axis. An exemption in the same Sentence is provided for the doors in means of egress within dwelling units. The exemption is not referring to the required means of egress and the word within refers to the doors contained within the unit, not the required exterior exit door .		
 R. J. Light, Committee Chair		
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