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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	September 19, 2017
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Bunk Bed vs Mezzanine
Keywords:	Mezzanine, intermediate floor assembly
Building Code Reference(s):	1.4.1.2., 9.5.3.1., 9.5.3.2., 9.8

Question:

Is a built-in bunk bed constructed of wood frame that is attached to and supported by the building structure in a bedroom considered as a mezzanine?

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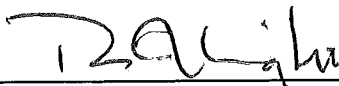
Yes

Mezzanine is defined as an intermediate floor assembly between the floor and ceiling of any room or storey and includes an interior balcony.

A portable and free-standing bunk bed is considered as furniture and not a mezzanine. This has been confirmed by BC Building Code Appeal BCAB#1782.

Any framing that attached to and supported by the building structure and creates a floor assembly between the floor and the ceiling should be considered as mezzanine (see attached pictures).

Such mezzanine shall comply with all applicable requirements in the building code including but not limited to headroom, guard and access stair.



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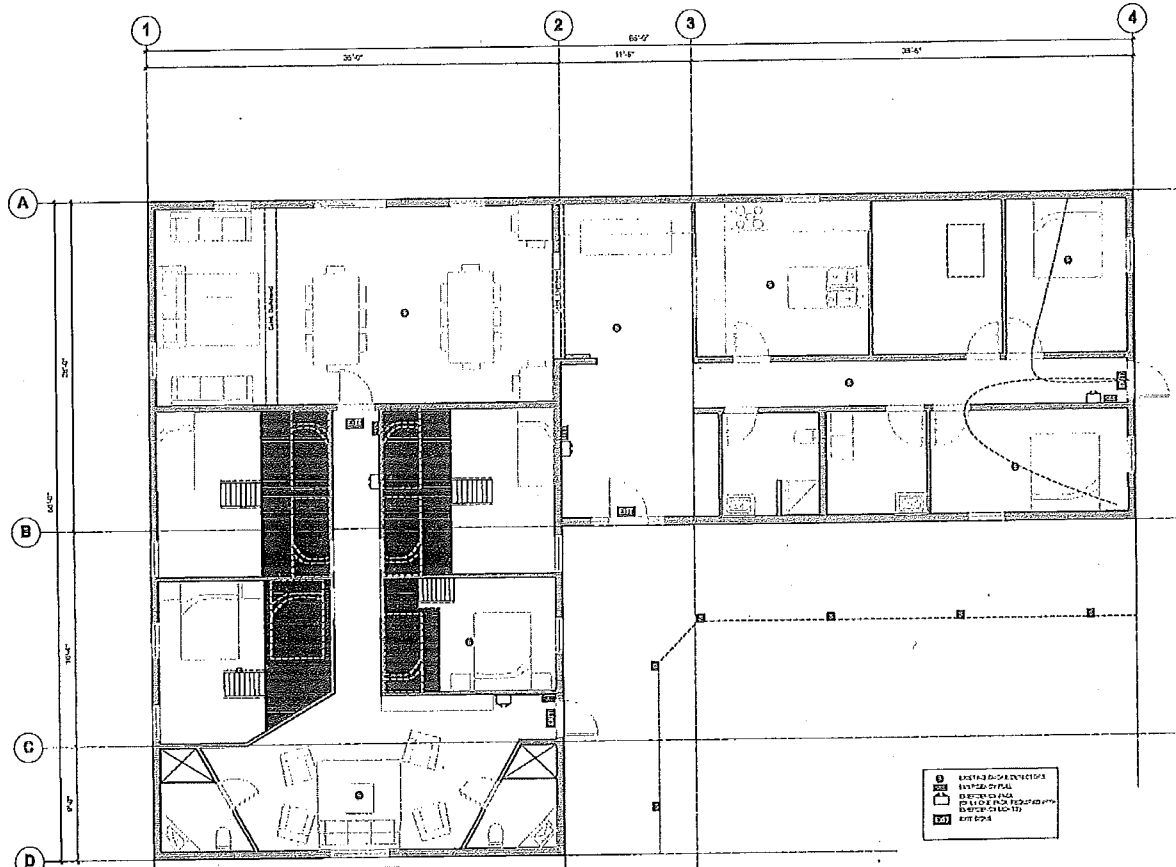
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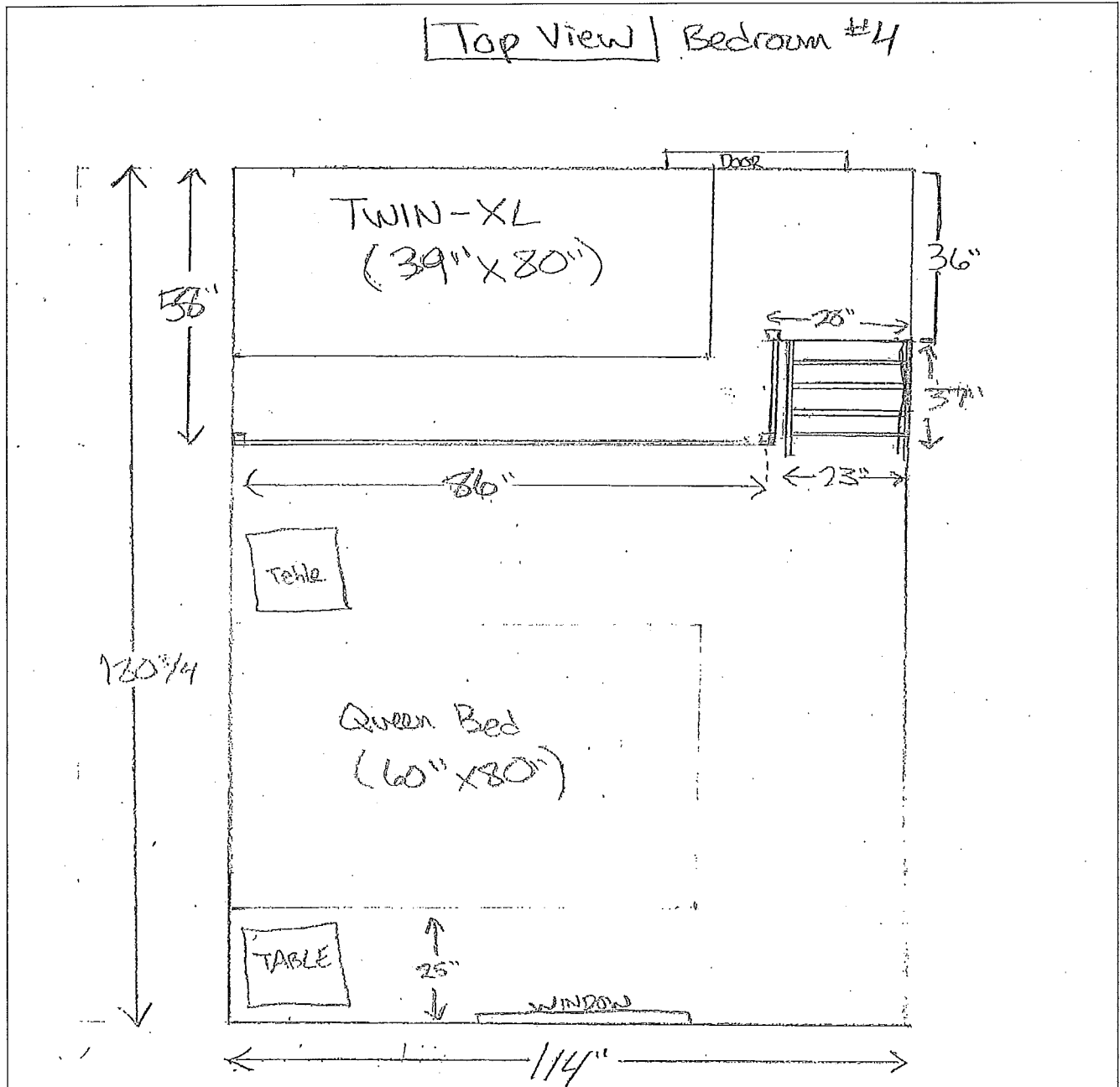
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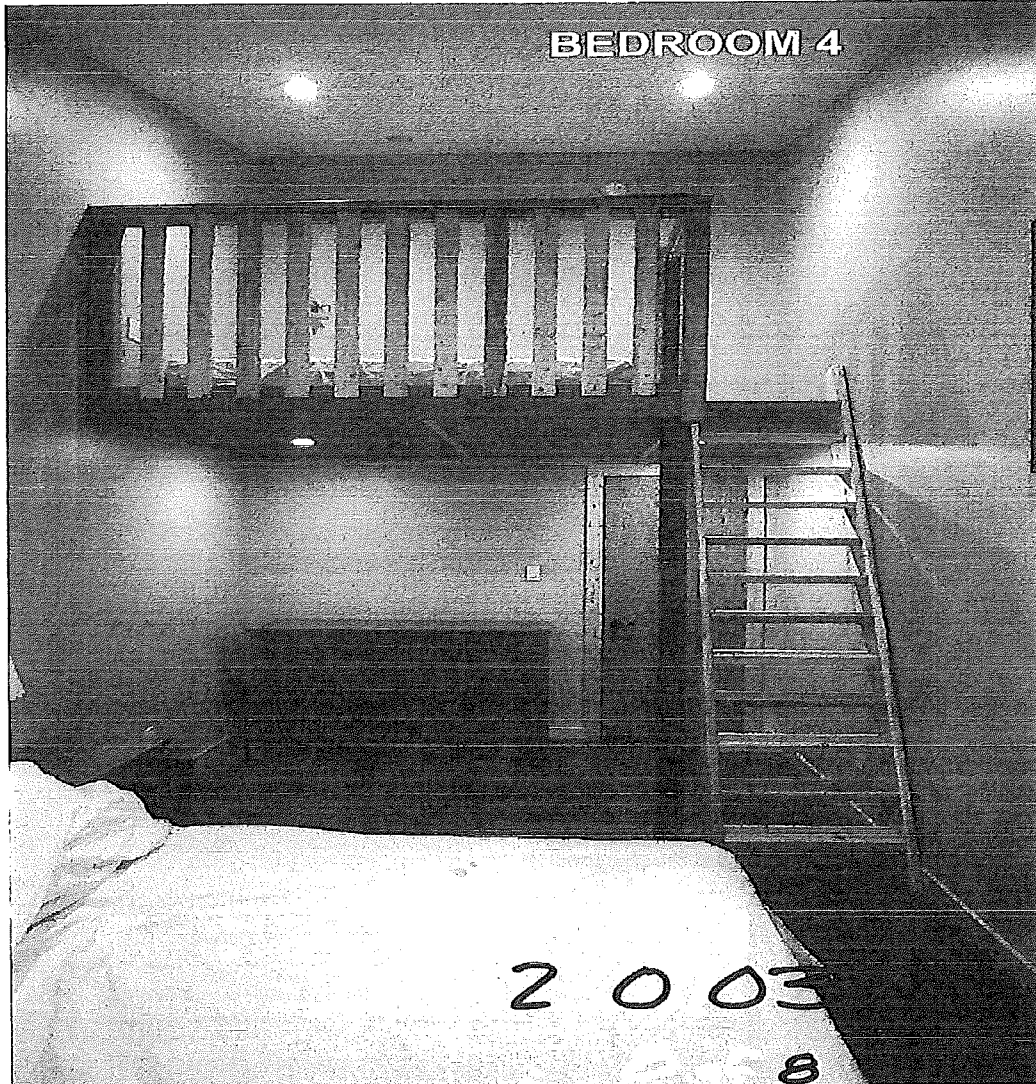
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