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Subject:	Exterior amenity roof deck
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Question:

Is an occupied amenity roof deck in a residential building considered as a highest floor for determination of high building requirements per Clause 3.2.6.1.(1)(d)?

Interpretation:

No.

Clause 3.2.6.1.(1)(d) applies to a building containing a Group C major occupancy whose floor level is more than 18 m above grade.

Floor level is considered to be the floor level of the top storey.

The amenity roof deck is considered to be the roof of the top storey.

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