Individual Consideration Agenda

This item is on the agenda for individual consideration because a public comment was submitted.

Public Comment:

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Modify the proposal as follows:

705.6 Structural stability. The wall—Exterior walls shall extend to the height required by Section 705.11 and shall have sufficient structural stability such that it will remain in place for the duration of time indicated by the required fire-resistance rating. Where exterior walls have a minimum fire separation distance of not less than 30 feet (9144 mm), interior structural elements which brace the exterior wall but which are not located within the plane of the exterior wall shall have the minimum fire-resistance rating required in Table 601 for that structural element. Structural elements which brace the exterior wall but are located outside of the exterior wall or within the plane of the exterior wall shall have the minimum fire-resistance rating required in Tables 601 and 602 for the exterior wall.

Commenter's Reason:

Last cycle, AWC introduced FS17 which was intended to make clear the fire resistance rating required for interior wall assemblies as they relate to the exterior wall. The sentence “Where exterior walls have a minimum fire separation distance of not less than 30 feet,...” only makes sense in the context of the previous sentence. Modifying the paragraph as others have suggested seems reasonable and we support than modification. But since the sentence referenced above only makes sense in the context of the text which is proposed for deletion by others, we encourage keeping the requirements for Interior Walls within the context of this section. We also encourage staff to correct the section title which becomes even more confusing with the possible change to the paragraph.