

Evolving Code 4

Subject: Accessible Means of Egress

2016 CBC Sections: §1009.1 Exception 1, 11B-207.1

Explanation: Currently, the building code has an exception stating that accessible means of egress are not required to be provided in existing buildings. Due to relocation of this exception into a different model code, the 2019 California Building Code will end up without the exception unless the DSA insert it back in Chapter 11B.

Proposed Language under §11B-207.1: If no accessible means of egress exists, accessible means of egress required by Chapter 10 are not required to be provided in existing facilities.

M|O Opinion: This is not a material change. However, it would be important to retain this exception, as providing accessible means of egress at existing buildings without it is extremely difficult.