Department of Labor and Industry

Adopted Exempt Temporary Rules Modifying a Means of Egress Regulation Relating to Stairway Width in the International Residential Building Code

1309.0311 SECTION R311, MEANS OF EGRESS.

[For text of subp 1, see 39 SR 91]

Subp. 2. **IRC section R311.7.1, ~~Stairways~~ Width.** ~~Section R311.7.1 is amended to read as follows~~ IRC Section R311.7.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

R311.7.1 Stairways; general.

R311.7.1.1 Stairways serving dwellings or accessory structures. All stairways serving a dwelling or accessory structure, or any part thereof, shall comply with this section. This shall include exterior stairs from a dwelling or garage to grade and those stairs serving decks, porches, balconies, sun rooms, and similar structures.

Exceptions:

1. Stairs serving attics or crawl spaces.
2. Stairs that only provide access to plumbing, mechanical, or electrical equipment.

R311.7.1.2 Width. Stairways shall not be less than 36 inches (914 mm) in clear width at all points above the permitted handrail height and below the required headroom height. Handrails shall not project more than 4.5 inches (114 mm) on either side of the stairway and the minimum clear width of the stairway at and below the handrail height, including treads and landings, shall not be less than 31-1/2 inches (787 mm) where a handrail is installed on one side and 27 inches (698 mm) where handrails are provided on both sides.

Exception: The width of spiral stairways shall be in accordance with Section R311.7.9.1.

2.1 [For text of subp 3, see 39 SR 91]

2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Minnesota Rules, part 1309.0311, subpart 2, is effective January
2.3 24, 2015, or upon publication of this amendment's Order of Adoption in the State Register,
2.4 whichever is later, and is effective for a period of two years.

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Administrative Rules

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The attached rules are approved as to form

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