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TO: Members of the Construction Code Commission

FROM: Bill B. Moyer, Executive Director *BBM*  
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SUBJECT: Building Code Interpretation; Section 104

Below you will find for your review and consideration, an interpretation of Section 104 of the Michigan Building Code as recommended by the Interpretation Committee of the Bureau of Construction Codes.

QUESTION: Does Section 104, "Repairs and Maintenance," of the code allow for the installation of a non-fixed or non-bearing partition, which (does) not affect or change the required means of egress, without requiring compliance with the full provision of the code.

ANSWER: Yes, when the installation of such partitions does not adversely affect any structural member, or any part of the structure having a required fire resistance rating and does not include the removal or cutting away of any structural beam or bearing support; or the addition, removal, or relocation of any electrical, mechanical or plumbing fixtures, equipment, or piping. Further, such installation shall not cause an increase in the building size or height.

COMMENT: Section 103.3, "Alterations or repairs," of the code provides for certain alterations within a building to be completed without requiring full compliance with the code as long as the alterations do not cause an existing structure to become unsafe or adversely affect the performance of the building, including the required means of egress, light, ventilation, and fire resistance characteristics.

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