

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION

**AI11-002**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION**

**CODE REFERENCE:** Chapter 5, Article 5, 2009 International Building Code, Section 907.2.2.

**BACKGROUND:** Is it the intent of Section 907.2.2 Condition #2, to require a fire alarm system in two-story buildings where both floors, owing to a change in grade, are both at the level of exit discharge?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, Condition #2 assumes a single level of exit discharge.

The intent of Condition #2 is to require a fire alarm system in buildings where Group B occupancies, with an occupant load greater than 100 persons per story, must travel between one or more floors to reach the level of exit discharge.

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**APPROVED:**

