

# Code Analysis for 660-662 Congress Street

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Existing 3 story brick mixed-use commercial and residential building. Basement floor area, 1,813 sf; 1st Floor area, 1819 sf; 2nd Floor area, 1,821 sf; 3rd Floor area, 1,791 sf (total of 7,247 sf). Building will be fully sprinklered. Per the State Fire Marshal, an elevator is not required.

## IBC 2009 Code Review

### Chapter 3 Use and Occupancy Classification

Section 303	Occupancy T.B.D.
Section 310	Residential R-3

### Chapter 4 Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy

Section 420.2 Separation Walls	Walls separating dwelling units or dwelling units from other occupancies shall be constructed as fire partitions in accordance with Section 709.
Section 420.3 Horizontal Separation	Floor assemblies separating dwelling units or dwelling units from other occupancies shall be constructed as horizontal assemblies in accordance with Section 712.

### Chapter 5 General Building Heights and Areas

Construction Type	III B
Table 503 - Area Limitations (A-2)	9,500 sf per floor
Table 503 - Area Limitations (R-3)	Existing 1,409 sf - OK unlimited sf per floor
Table 503 - Height limitation (A-2)	Existing 1,582 sf - OK
Table 503 - Height limitation (R-3)	2 stories - OK, per Section 508.4.3
Table 503 - Maximum Height	4 stories - OK, per Section 508.4.3
Table 503 - Maximum Height	55' for Construction Type III B
Table 503 - Maximum Height	Existing 42'-3" - OK

### Section 504.2 - Automatic Sprinkler system increase

If sprinklered, increase maximum height to 60' - OK

### Table 508.4 - Required Separation

1 hour separation required between A-2 & R-3 if sprinklered

### Section 508.4.3 - Allowable Height

No separation required between commercial kitchen and restaurant seating area

### Section 508.4.3 - Allowable Height

Each separated occupancy shall comply with the building height limitations based on the type of construction of the building in accordance with Section 503.1.

### Chapter 6 Types of Construction

#### Table 601 Fire Resistance Rating Requirements for Structure Elements

Structural Frame	0 Hour - OK
Exterior bearing walls	2 Hours / Existing to remain, 2 hr - OK
Interior bearing walls	0 Hour - OK
Nonbearing walls and partitions	0 Hour - OK
Floor construction	0 - OK
Roof construction	0 - OK

#### Table 602 Fire Resistance Rating Requirements for Exterior Walls

Less than 5'	1 Hour (A-2, R-3)
5' to 10'	1 Hour (A-2, R-3)
10' to 30'	1 Hour (A-2, R-3)
More than 30'	0 Hour (A-2, R-3)

### Chapter 7 Fire and Smoke Protection Features

#### Table 705.8 Max Area of Exterior Wall Openings Based on Fire Separation Dist.

0 to 3'	Not permitted
3' to 5'	15%
5' to 10'	25%
10' to 15'	45%
15' to 20'	75%
More than 20'	No limit

#### Section 712.3 Fire Resistance Rating

Dwelling unit separations in building of Type III B construction shall have fire-resistance ratings of not less than 1/2 hour when sprinklered.

#### Table 715.4 Fire Door and Fire Shutter Fire Protective Ratings

Fire Walls, 2 hour	1 1/2 Hour rating
Shaft, 1 hour	1 Hour
Exit enclosures, 1 hour	1 Hour
Corridor walls, 1 hour	20 Minutes

### Chapter 8 Interior Finishes

#### Section 803.1.1 Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish Material

Class A	Flame spread index 0-25; smoke-developed index 0-450
Class B	Flame spread index 26-75; smoke-developed index 0-450
Class C	Flame spread index 76-200; smoke-developed index 0-450

#### Table 803.9 Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish Requirements By Occupancy

Exit enclosures and exit passageways	B (A-2); C (R-3)
Corridors	B (A-2); C (R-3)
Rooms and enclosed spaces	C (A-2 & R-3)

#### Section 804.4 Interior Floor Finish Requirements

interior floor finish for exit enclosures, exit passageways and corridors Not less than Class II and comply with DOCF-1 "pill test"

#### Section 806 Decorative Material and Trim

Fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling Shall meet flame propagation performance criteria of Section 806.2 and NFPA 701 for Class A

### Chapter 9 Fire Protective Systems

#### Section 903.2 - Automatic Sprinkler Systems

An NFPA 13 sprinkler system shall be installed throughout the building.

#### Section 903.4.1 Monitoring

Alarm, supervisory and trouble signals shall be distinctly different and shall be automatically transmitted to an approved supervising station.

### Chapter 10 Means of Egress

#### Table 1004.1.1 Max. Occupant Load (refer to drawings)

Basement	
Ground Floor	
Second Floor	7 Occupants (Group R-3)
Third Floor	7 Occupants (Group R-3)
	Total occupant load = T.B.D.

#### Sec 1005 Egress Width

Stairways 0.3' per person - OK

Doors, ramps and corridors 0.2' per person - OK

#### Sec 1005.2 Door encroachment

Doors and handrails shall not reduce required means of egress by more than 7". Doors in any position shall not reduce the required width by more than one-half.

#### Sec 1006.2 Illumination Level

Means of egress illumination level shall not be less than 1 foot-candle at the walking surface.

#### Sec 1006.3 Illumination Emergency Power

In power failure event, automatic illumination shall include corridors, exit enclosures, exit passageways, interior exit discharge elements for a duration of 90 minutes with battery backup or on-site generator.

#### Sec 1007.1 Accessible Means of Egress

Accessible spaces must be provided with an accessible means of egress. Exception, accessible means of egress not required in alterations to existing buildings.

#### Sec 1007.3 Stairways

Minimum width between handrails 48" unless sprinklered - N/A

#### Sec 1008.1.1.1 Projections into Clear Width

No projections into required clear width allowed lower than 34" above the floor. Shall not exceed 4" between 34" and 80" above the floor.

#### Sec 1008.1.2 Door swing

Doors shall swing in the direction of egress travel where serving an occupant load of 50 or more persons.

#### Sec 1008.1.5 Floor Elevation

There shall be a floor or landing on each side of a door and shall be at the same elevation. Exterior may slope .25 / 12 units (2%).

#### Sec 1008.1.6 Landings at Doors

Landings shall have a width not less than the width of the stairway. When serving an occupant load of 50 or more, doors shall not reduce the landing to less than 1/2 its required width. Landings shall not have a length less than 44" in the direction of travel.

#### Sec 1008.1.7 Thresholds

Thresholds shall not exceed 1/2"

#### Sec 1008.1.10 Panic Hardware

Doors serving rooms or spaces with 50 or more occupants shall not be provided with a latch or lock unless it is panic hardware or fire exit hardware.

#### Sec 1009.1 Stairway width

Minimum width 3'-8"

Exception serving less than 50 3'-0"

Min headroom 6'-8"

#### Sec 1009.4 Stair treads and risers

Stair riser Max 7"

Exception for R-3 occupancies Max 7-3/4"

Stair riser Min 4"

Stair tread Min 11"

Exception for R-3 occupancies Min 10"

#### Sec 1009.5 Stairway Landings

There shall be a floor or landing at the top and bottom of each stairway. The width shall not be less than the width of the stairway. The length must be at least the same as the width but need not exceed 48" in a straight run.

#### Sec 1009.7 Vertical Rise

Max 12' vertical rise between landings or levels

#### Sec 1009.12 Handrails

Handrails shall be on both sides of stairways

#### Sec 1012 Handrails

Between 34" and 38" above nosing

Handrail gripping surfaces shall be continuous, without interruption

Handrails shall return to a wall, guard, or be continuous.

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## NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Review

### Chapter 7 Means of Egress

#### Sec 7.1.3.1 Exit Access Corridors

1 Hour when occupant load exceeds 30

#### Exception

Does not apply to existing buildings if occupancy classification does not change

#### Sec 7.1.3.2 Exits

1 Hour separation for exits in existing buildings allowed when sprinklered

Openings in exit limited to doors from normally occupied spaces and corridors and doors for egress from the enclosure

An exit enclosure shall provide a continuous protected path of travel to an exit discharge

#### Sec 7.1.5.1 Means of Egress Headroom

Not less than 7'-6" with projections from the ceiling not less than 6'-8"

#### Sec 7.1.5.2 Headroom in Existing Buildings

Not less than 7'-0" with projections from the ceiling not less than 6'-8"

#### Sec 7.2.1.4.2 Door Swing Direction

When serving occupant load of 50 or more, doors shall swing in the direction of egress travel

#### Sec 7.2.1.4.4 Egress Encroachment

During its swing, a door in a means of egress shall not obstruct more than 1/2 of passageway and shall not project more than 7" when open

#### Sec 7.2.2.1 New Stairs

Minimum width 36" when occupant load less than 50

Maximum riser 7"

#### Exception: Sec. 10-3 Amendment (g)

Maximum 7 3/4" riser permitted in one and two family dwellings

#### Minimum riser

4"

#### Minimum tread depth

11"

#### Minimum headroom

6'-8"

#### Maximum height between landings

12'

#### Sec 7.2.2.3.2 Landings

Not required to exceed 48"

#### Exception: Sec. 10-3 Amendment (g) City of Portland - Code of Ordinances

Maximum 7 3/4" riser permitted in one and two-family dwellings

#### Sec 7.2.2.4.1 Handrails

Stairs and ramps shall have handrails on both sides

#### Sec 7.2.2.4.5.2 Guards

Not less than 42"

#### Exception: Sec. 10-3 Amendment (g) City of Portland - Code of Ordinances

Minimum 36" guard height permitted in one and two-family dwellings

#### Sec 7.2.2.4.5.3 Open Guards

4" sphere shall not be able to pass through any opening to a height of 42"

6" max sphere at triangular openings

#### Sec 7.2.2.5.2.1 Exposures

Where nonrated walls or unprotected openings enclose the exterior of a stairway, and the walls are exposed by other parts of a building at an angle of less than 180 degrees, the building enclosure walls within 10' shall be 1 Hour rated

#### Sec 7.2.2.5.3 Usable Space

Enclosed, usable spaces within exit enclosures shall be prohibited, including under stairs

### Chapter 24 One and Two-Family Dwellings

This chapter applies to one and two-family dwellings, which includes buildings containing not more than two dwelling units.

#### Sec 24.1.2.3 Mixed Use

Dwelling units and exits shall be separated from nonresidential occupancy by 1 Hour construction

#### Sec 24.3.4.1 Smoke Alarms

Installed in all sleeping rooms, outside each separate sleeping area, and on each level of dwelling unit, including basements

#### Sec 24.3.5.1 Sprinkler System

Must be installed in all new one and two-family dwellings

### Chapter 12 New Assembly Occupancies

#### Table 12.1.6 Construction Type Limitations

Any assembly type limited to 1 level below level of exit discharge

#### Sec 12.2.6.3 Main Entrance/Exit

Assembly occupancy to be provided with a main entrance/exit at the level of discharge or connected to a stair leading to street

Shall be