

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, 1,819 sf; 2nd Floor area, 1,821 sf; 3rd Floor area, 1,791 sf (total of 7,247 sf). Building is fully sprinklered. Per the State Fire Marshal, an elevator is not required.

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Chapter 3 Use and Occupancy Classification

Section 309	Mercantile M
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	IIIB
Table 503 - Area Limitations (M)	12,500 of per floor Existing 1,709 sf - OK
Table 503 - Area Limitations (R-3)	unlimited sf per floor Existing 1,582 sf - OK
Table 503 - Height limitation (M)	2 stories - OK, per Section 508.4.3
Table 503 - Height limitation (R-3)	4 stories - OK, per Section 508.4.3
Table 503 - Maximum Height	55' for Construction Type IIIB 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
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'	2 Hour (M, R-3)
5' to 10'	1 Hour (M, R-3)
10' to 30'	1 Hour (M, R-3)
More than 30'	0 Hour (M, 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 IIIB 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 (M); C (R-3)
Corridors	C (M & R-3)
Rooms and enclosed spaces	C (M & 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 The amount of fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling and not supported by the floor in Group M shall not be limited.

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 drawing A-007)

Basement	30 Occupants (Group M)
Ground Floor	46 Occupants (Group M)
Second Floor	7 Occupants (Group R-3)
Third Floor	7 Occupants (Group R-3)
	Total occupant load = 76

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

Power supply for means of egress illumination shall normally be provided by premises electrical power.

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.

Handrails shall extend 12" horizontally above top riser and continue to slope for the depth of one tread beyond the bottom riser

Sec 1013.1 Guards

When more than 30" above floor Guards required
Height 3'-6"
Exception for R-3 occupancies 2'-10"

Sec 1014.2 Egress through intervening spaces

Shall not pass through adjoining spaces, including kitchens and storage rooms
Egress through kitchens within dwelling unit OK

Exception for dwelling units Sec 1014.3, 1028.8 Common path of egress travel

Occupancy M Not more than 75'
Occupancy R-3 Not more than 75'
Table 1015.1 Spaces with 1 exit
Occupancy M Max occupant load = 49
Occupancy R-3 Max occupant load = 10

Table 1015.2.1 Two exits

When 2 are required Not less than 1/3 overall diagonal when sprinklered

Table 1016.1 Exit Access Travel Distance Limitations

Occupancy M, R-3 250' (with sprinkler system)

Table 1018.1 Corridor Fire-Resistance Rating

Occupancy M, corridor serving more than 30 0 Hour when sprinklered
Occupancy R-3, corridor serving more than 10 0.5 Hour when sprinklered

Sec 1018.2 Corridor Width

Minimum width 44"
Req occupant capacity less than 50 36"

Sec 1018.4 Dead Ends

Group M Dead-end corridors shall not exceed 50' when sprinklered
Group R-3 Dead-end corridors shall not exceed 50' when sprinklered

1021.2 Single Exits

Occupancy R-3 Only one exit required from R-3 Occupancy buildings

Mixed Occupancies

Permitted provided each occupancy complies with individual requirements of occupancy

Table 1021.2 Stairways with One Exit

First story or basement (M) 49 Occupants and 75' travel distance

Sec 1022 Exit Enclosures

Stairway enclosure 2 Hour rating (4 stories)
Sec 1027 Exit Discharge Exits shall discharge directly to the exterior of the building and shall be at grade or direct access to grade. The exit discharge shall not reenter a building.

Sec 1027.3 Exit Discharge Location

Exterior balconies, stairways and ramps Located at least 10' from lot lines

Sec 1029 Emergency Escape and Rescue

Group R sleeping rooms below the fourth story shall have at least one exterior emergency escape and rescue opening

Sec 1029.2 Minimum Size

Emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 sf.
Minimum height 24" clear
Minimum width 20" clear
Maximum height from floor 44"

Sec 1029.4 Operational Constraints

Openings shall be operational from inside without the use of keys or tools.

Chapter 11 Accessibility

Sec 1105.1 Public Entrance

Minimum 60% accessible entrances

Exception

See Sec 3407.1 Historic Buildings
When there are 4 or more dwelling units in building, all units are to be Type B Unit.

Chapter 12 Indoor Environment

Sec 1207.2 Air-borne Sound

Min STC of 49 for Wall and Floor assemblies between adjacent dwelling units and between dwelling units and adjacent public areas.

Chapter 13 Energy Efficiency

Buildings shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the International Energy Code.

Chapter 34 Existing Structures

Sec 3409.1 Historic Buildings

The provisions of this code relating to the construction, repair, alteration, addition, restoration and movement of structures, and change of occupancy shall not be mandatory for historic buildings where such buildings are judged by the building official to not constitute a distinct life safety hazard.

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

Sec 7.1.5.1 Means of Egress Headroom

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

Minimum width 36" when occupant load less than 50
44" when occupant load less than 2000

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

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 7.2.2.5.2.1 Exposures

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

Sec 7.2.2.5.3 Usable Space

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

Sec 7.3.1.2 Occupant Load (refer to drawing A-007)

Basement (Mercantile) 30 Occupants
1st Floor (Mercantile) 46 Occupants
2nd Floor (Residential - Apartments) 7 Occupants
3rd Floor (Residential - Apartments) 7 Occupants

Sec 7.5.1.3.4 Egress Arrangement

Distance between exits not less than 1/3 length of maximum diagonal dimension of building or space

Sec 7.7.2 Discharge through Areas on Level of Exit Discharge

Not more than 50% of required exits and egress capacity shall discharge through areas on the level of exit discharge

Sec 7.7.2.1 Discharge through Areas on Level of Exit Discharge

The level of discharge shall be protected throughout by a sprinkler system

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

Sec 12.2.2.2.3 Door Lock

Doors serving rooms or spaces with 100 or more occupants shall not be provided with a latch or lock unless it is panic hardware.

Table 12.1.6 Construction Type Limitations

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