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August 22, 2006**No: 2004 OSSC 1009.4****2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code**

Code Section: 1009.4**Code Edition:** 2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)**Date:** August 22, 2006**Subject:** Landing Measurements**Question:** An exit stair is 48 inches wide and has a 36 inch wide door at the bottom which swings in the same direction as the path of travel from the stairs. Should the 48 inch long landing be measured from the nose of the last step to the face of the wall, exit door or door panic hardware?**Answer:** The landing is measured from the nose of the last step to the face of the wall.**Analysis:** Section 1009.4 of the 2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) states: *“There shall be a floor or landing at the top and bottom of each stairway. The width of landings shall not be less than the width of the stairways they serve. Every landing shall have a minimum dimension measured in the direction of travel equal to the width of the stairway. Such dimension need not exceed 48 inches (1219 mm) where the stairway has a straight run”*

Code requires the landing to be “not less than the stairways they serve” so in this case, the landing must be 48 inches wide. The area within the threshold of the 36 inch wide door does not meet the required width and therefore could not be included as part of the landing area.

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