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No: 2004 & 2007 OSSC Section 402.6

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Subject: Expansion of Malls of Type V Construction – Unlimited Area

Question: Section 404.2 of the 1998 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) allowed one and two level malls to be of unlimited area for any type of construction so long as 60 foot yards were maintained.

Section 402.6 of the 2004 and 2007 OSSC has a similar provision except that the types of construction are limited to Types I, II, III and IV.

Many malls constructed under the 1998 and previous editions of the OSSC were developed in all good faith with the understanding that future expansion with Type V construction (fire rated and non-rated) would be allowed.

Guidance is requested on how additions and tenant improvements in malls of unlimited area in Type V construction are to be regulated under the current OSSC.

Answer: All future additions as well as tenant improvements in existing malls must comply with the types of construction mandated in the current OSSC.

In addition, the tenant separation required by section 402.7.2 shall include attic spaces when separating the existing and new portions of the mall.

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