

780 CMR 53.00

BUILDING PLANNING FOR SINGLE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS

780 CMR 5317 DWELLING UNIT SEPARATION

5317.1 Two-family Dwellings. Dwelling units in two-family dwellings shall be separated from each other by wall and/or floor assemblies having not less than one-hour fire-resistance rating when tested in accordance with ASTM E 119. Fire-resistance-rated floor-ceiling and wall assemblies shall extend to and be tight against the exterior wall, and wall assemblies shall extend to the underside of the roof sheathing.

Exception: A fire resistance rating of ½ hour shall be permitted in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13.

5317.1.1 Supporting Construction. When floor assemblies are required to be fire-resistance-rated by 780 CMR 5317.1, the supporting construction of such assemblies shall have an equal or greater fire-resistive rating.

5317.2 Townhouses. ~~*For other than one- and twofamily dwellings, refer to all applicable construction requirements of the Sixth Edition, Massachusetts State Building Code while utilizing the wind and snow loading of 780 CMR.*~~

Note to Secretary of State's Office: See separate pdf file for language (several paragraphs taken from the International Code) to replace stricken language above.