

Comment by Lothar Erkens:

Since Doors and/or windows designated as Means of Egress are also used by First Responders to gain access to a structure, I support the interpretation of the code official(s). Once a burning structure is even partially obstructed by smoke, any measure to make Egress openings easier to discern help first responders.

Comment by Michael Savage:

I agree with the Building Official's interpretation. While the subject project may not required two exits, two exits have been provided, thereby implying there is an exit at each door. The implication is that the exit available, and therefore would imply it is code compliant. Much the same as installing a GFCI protect receptacle outlet implies GFCI protect is present, it needs to function as designed.

Comment by Rodney Critchfield:

I agree with the petitioner that if the unit size does not require at least 2 means of egress, then it would not qualify to have their exterior lights for their mean of egress be on battery backup. If following the official, then every means of egress will be required to have an exterior light that is on battery backup. The plans were reviewed by the City of Kissimmee Building Department and approved without the battery backup lighting outside of each exit door. Each inspector interprets the codes a little differently, there is no uniformity. Because of this it causes contractors extra expenses that could be avoided.