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**No: 2007 OSSC Section 1406.3, Exception 3**

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**Code Section:** OSSC Section 1406.3

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**Subject:** Stacked Decks on Buildings of Types III, IV and V Construction

**Question:** OSSC Section 1406.3 exception 3, states that balconies and similar projections on buildings of Type III, IV and V construction are permitted to be of Type V construction, and shall not be required to have a fire-resistance rating where sprinkler protection is extended to these areas.

Does this section include decks? If so, does it also include situations where decks are stacked?

**Answer:** Answer 1: Yes, decks constitute a similar projection to that of a balcony and therefore exception 3 applies.

Answer 2: Yes.

In addition, all of the elements covered by OSSC 1406.3 are considered projections for purposes of section 704.2 (Projections from Exterior Walls)

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