STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 18-02

CODE: 2015 International Building Code

SECTION: 1010.1.9.3 Locks and latches

QUESTION: Can multiple separated door openings in a space be considered “main doors” for purposes of this section if they are used with substantially equal frequency and/or have substantially equal prominence? 

An example would be a restaurant on a corner lot with two single-leaf entry/exit doors, one oriented on each of the building’s two street frontages, where the doors are separated a minimum distance in accordance with the provisions of IBC Section 1007.

ANSWER: Yes, provided that keylock hardware is not provided on more than one required exit.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Bellingham