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Design Professional in Responsible Charge

Section 107.3.4, 2010 California Building Code

General

Since there are often several individuals, whose names appear on the construction documents of even a relatively simple construction project, building departments need to know who is in charge. The property owner is therefore required to designate one individual with whom the building department will communicate.

Specific

The building code refers to the individual in charge of the building permit submittal process as the *Design Professional in Responsible Charge* and requires the owner to engage and designate on the building permit application a registered design professional¹ who shall act as the registered design professional in responsible charge.

The registered design professional in responsible charge shall be responsible for reviewing and coordinating submittal documents prepared by others, including phased and deferred submittal items, for compatibility with the design of the building. This individual may be, but is not required, to be in charge of the actual construction.

Exception to registered design professional: For the following structures, a design professional in responsible charge is required to be designated, however the individual is not required to be a registered design professional or may be the property owner:

1. Single-family dwellings of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
2. Multiple dwellings containing no more than four dwelling units of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height. However, this shall not be construed as allowing multiple clusters of up to four dwelling units each to form apartment or condominium complexes where the total exceeds four units on any lawfully divided lot.
3. Garages or other structures appurtenant to buildings described above of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
4. Agricultural and ranch buildings of woodframe construction, unless the building official deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.