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FORMAL INTERPRETATION #08-01

Document: 2007 Kentucky Building Code

Subject: Section 507

Question: Does Section 503.1.2 also apply to buildings designed and built to Section 507?

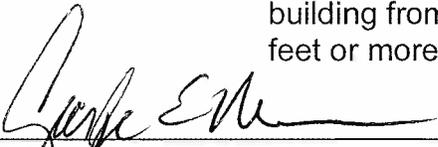
Answer: No.

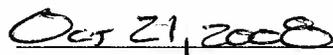
Commentary: Section 503.1.2 does not refer to and therefore does not apply to Section 507 for unlimited area buildings.

Question: Can two or more buildings on the same lot be regulated as one building without requiring the buildings to be a minimum 60 feet apart?

Answer: Yes.

Commentary: Section 507 allows buildings to be unlimited in area provided certain criteria is met; such as number of stories, installation of an automatic sprinkler system, limited to certain occupancy classifications and open space around the building. If the design meets these criteria, the building is not limited to how large in area it can be built. Since buildings regulated by Section 507 are not limited in area, when there are two or more buildings on the same lot and they comply with all applicable requirements of Section 507 as a single aggregate building, there is no need to protect one building from itself by requiring the buildings to be separated by 60 feet or more or 40 + feet with fire rated exterior walls.


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