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# FORMAL INTERPRETATION 99-02

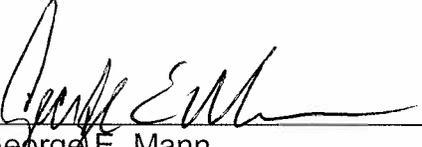
**DOCUMENT:** 2007 / 2002 / 1997 Kentucky Building Code (KBC)

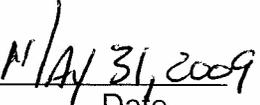
**SUBJECT:** Fire resistance rating of exterior walls  
Table 602 – 2007 and 2002 KBC  
Table 705.2 – 1997 KBC

**QUESTION:** Do the fire separation requirements of Table 602 (7005.2) apply to exterior building walls that run perpendicular to the property line?

**ANSWER:** No.

**COMMENTARY:** In considering fire separation (defined as the distance from the face of an exterior wall to the closest interior lot line, to the center line of a public street, or imaginary line between two buildings on the same property), the major concern is radiant heat from an opening in the wall or opening, therefore, a wall that is perpendicular to a property line would not be required to have a rating or opening protective even if a wall was located closer than six (6) feet from the property line since heat from that wall would not tend to move toward the property line.

  
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