

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO.
3 SERIES OF 2012

COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-0537
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Land Use, Transportation and
Infrastructure

6 **A BILL**

7 **For an ordinance, amending the Building and Fire Code of the City and**
8 **County of Denver by amending sections R302.2 and R313.2 of the Denver**
9 **Amendments to the International Residential Code.**

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11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

12 **Section 1.** That section R302.2 of the Denver Amendments to the 2009 International
13 Residential Code of the City and County of Denver is hereby amended by adding the language
14 underlined below and deleting the language stricken below to read and be read as follows:

15 **Section R302.2 Townhouses is amended by replacing the Exception 4 with the following**
16 **and by adding Exception 2.**

17 **Exceptions:** 4. A common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with
18 ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or
19 mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated
20 for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the
21 underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with
22 Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with
23 Section R302.4.

24 ~~2.~~ Where the townhouse is protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in
25 accordance with Section 313.1 the common wall may be a 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall
26 assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 if such walls do not contain
27 plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall
28 shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior
29 walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in
30 accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in
31 accordance with Section R302.4.

32 **Section 2.** That section R313 of the Denver Amendments to the 2009 International
33 Residential Code of the City and County of Denver is hereby amended by adding the language
34 underlined below and deleting the language stricken below to read and be read as follows:

1 SECTION R313

2 AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

3 ~~Section R313 is deleted in its entirety. 1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems is~~
4 ~~amended by making the effective date January 1, 2012.~~

5 ~~Section R313.2 One and two family dwellings automatic fire systems is amended by~~
6 ~~changing the effective date of January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2013.~~

7 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: 7/31/2012.

8 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: 8/7/2012.

9 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2012

10 _____ - PRESIDENT

11 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2012

12 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
13 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
14 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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16 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2012; _____ 2012

17 PREPARED BY: Kerry A. Buckey, Assistant City Attorney _____ 7/2/2012

18 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
19 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
20 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
21 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

22 _____, City Attorney

23 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney