

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-1-99

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This communication is offered in response to your letter in which you request official interpretations of the 1994 State Building Code (hereinafter referred to by me as the code) in response to the questions which follow:

Question I: “Does a structure with broken windows violate the Connecticut Building Code?”

Answer I: If said broken window results in a vacant building being “open at door or window”, it would constitute an unsafe structure in accordance with Section 120.1 of the code. If said broken window were part of a required fireresistive opening protective in a fireresistance rated exterior wall, it would constitute a violation of Sections 906.1 and 104.2 of the code.

Question II: “In a town with a building official, what decisions can a first selectman make under the Connecticut Building Code?”

Answer II: The State Building Code does not make provision for a first selectman to make any decisions regarding enforcement of the code. Enforcement of the code is the responsibility of the Building Official.