#### **AREA CODE 908**

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#### **GUIDELINES FOR FINISHED BASEMENTS IN ONE FAMILY HOMES**

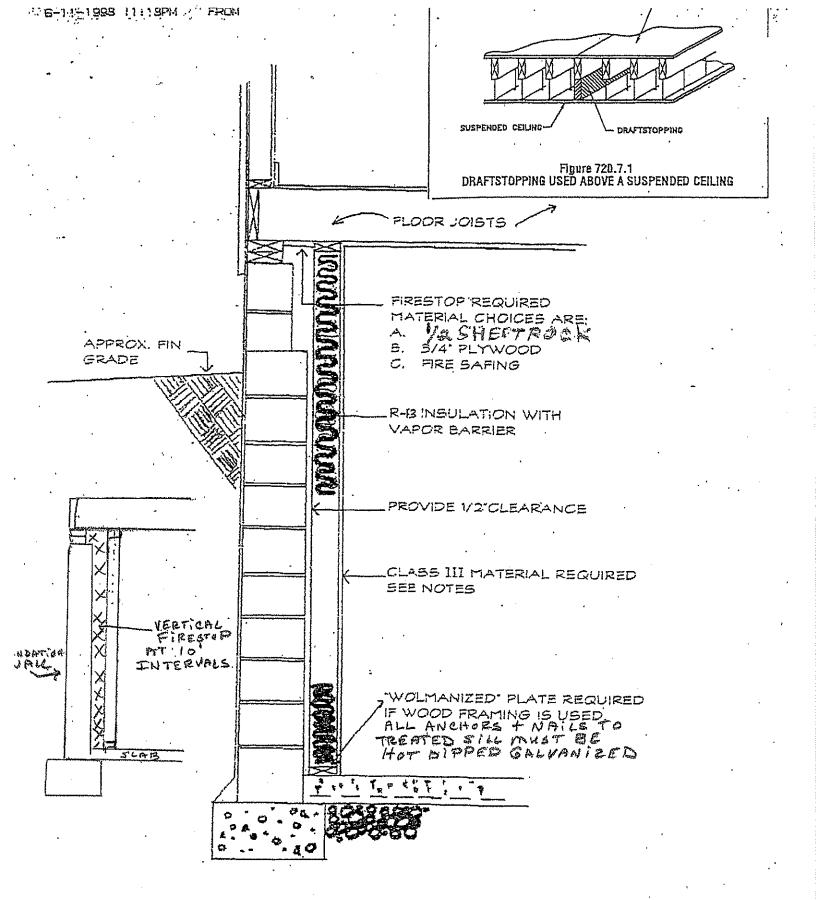
- 1) No summer kitchens in the basement without signing second stove agreement.
- 2) No bedrooms in the basement without an egress size window in each sleeping room.
- 3) Plans submitted shall include entire basement floor plan including partitions, door sizes, windows, stairways, guardrails, graspable handrails, closets, utility rooms, electric layout, heating layout, chimney, floor covering, and bathrooms.
- 4) Provide wall cross section including stud size and spacing, firestops, insulation, wall covering material, ceiling material and ceiling height.
- 5) Provide 34" high guardrails on sides of stairs with three or more risers. Guardrails must be designed to withstand a 200 pound concentrated load applied at any point of the guardrail. Guardrails shall be constructed so that a sphere with a diameter of four inches cannot pass through. Graspable handrails shall be 1 ¼ inch to 2 inch diameter.
- 6) <u>Draftstops</u> required in drop ceilings over 1000 square feet. (See sheet). Draftstop material shall be ½ inch gypsum board, 3/8-inch plywood or other approved materials. See detail.
- 7) Provide horizontal and vertical firestops. Vertical firestops required at 10' intervals. Firestops shall be ¼ inch plywood, 1/2 gypsum board or fire safing. See detail.
- 8) Provide combustion air for enclosed furnaces and hot water heaters by providing a 12" vent at the top and bottom of the wall. Provide an exhaust fan (75 cfm) for all bathrooms vented to the exterior air.

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- 9) Provide natural or mechanical ventilation. Provide supply and return locations on plans.
- 10) Provide treated sill plates if using wood and hot dipped galvanized anchors and nails.
- 11) No paneling less than ¼ inch to be applied directly to stud or metal walls. All interior finishes must have a flame spread rating between 76-200 and a smoke developed rating 450 or less.

#### Required Inspections

- a) Rough Electric
- b) Rough Plumbing (if applicable)
- c) Rough Framing
- d) Insulation
- e) Final Electric
- f) Final Plumbing
- g) Final Fire Protection
- h) Final Building



Wall Section
Finished Basement Requirements
Scale 3/4"=1'-0"

## **Scheduling Inspections**

# When Work is complete please contact the South Plainfield Building Department for Inspections

Please have your permit # available when calling

Phone # - (908) 226-7640

## **Inspection Hours**

Building	Monday thru Friday	9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Electric	Monday thru Friday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Plumbing	Monday, Wednesday and Friday	10:30 am to 4:00 pm

For Fire Inspections please call – (908) 756-4761