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Copy of text from "Report on Proposals" and "Report on Comments" - associated with proposal to exempt open front masonry fireplaces from requirement to use Type HT chimney

Report on Proposals (first committee review) — Copyright, NFPA NFPA 211

Report of the Committee on Chimneys, Fireplaces, and Venting Systems for Heat-Producing Appliances

211-18 Log #32 **Final Action: Accept**
(6.1.3.5)

Submitter: Glen Edgar, Selkirk Metalbestos

Recommendation: Proposed new 6.1.3.5:

Open front masonry fireplaces shall be permitted to use listed residential-type and building heating appliance chimneys without the Type HT designation.

Substantiation: This is another exception to the Type HT chimney requirement that is implied and has been granted in most cases, because chimneys used on open front masonry fireplaces typically get subjected to little

or no creosote accumulation and the increased risk of chimney fire.

Occasionally AHJs question this interpretation, so a clarification in the standard

will improve clarity of intent.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept

Number Eligible to Vote: 23

Ballot Results: Affirmative: 18

Ballot Not Returned: 5 ORELLANA, PEACOCK, STONE, SUTHERLAND, WEATHERSBY

Report on Comments F2005 (committee action on comments received on previous committee actions) — Copyright, NFPA NFPA 211

211-1 Log #4 **Final Action: Reject**
(6.1.3.5)

SUBMITTER: Royal Edwards, National Chimney Sweep Guild

COMMENT ON PROPOSAL NO: 211-18,

RECOMMENDATION: Delete proposed new 6.1.3.5 as follows:

Open front masonry fireplaces shall be permitted to use listed residential type and building heating appliance chimneys without the type HT designation.

SUBSTANTIATION: Chimney sweeps inspect and sweep thousands of these units each year. It is our experience that many of these units are heavily used each heating season and much creosote is deposited in the venting system. Wood stoves are often installed into these fireplaces.

COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION: Reject

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: The committee wishes to keep the language in the standard, however the committee does not agree entirely with the substantiation of the proposal and therefore would like the record to indicate the following language as the committee statement on this issue.

"This is another exception to the Type HT chimney requirement that is implied and has been granted in most cases"

NUMBER ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: 22

BALLOT RESULTS: Affirmative: 18

BALLOT NOT RETURNED: 4 CURKEET, GIBBONS, RAY, SAVAGE

Result: Proposal accepted and is included as new 6.1.3.5 in 2006 Ed. NFPA211