



DATE: May 26, 2023
INTERPRETATION NO.: CI2023-0003
TITLE: Balcony Receptacle Outlets
RELATED DEPT.: Development Services Department
TOPIC: Electrical, Multifamily
DECISION MAKER: Todd Wilcox, Building Official

SUMMARY: A balcony that is intended for occupant use must provide a receptacle outlet in compliance with the National Electric Code (NEC) Section 210.52 (E)(3) (*Balconies, Decks, and Porches*). A balcony is considered “intended for occupant use” if it meets the criteria established in this interpretation.

CODE SECTIONS: [National Electric Code \(NEC\)](#)

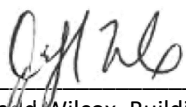
- § 210.52 (E)(3) (*Balconies, Decks, and Porches*)

CODE INTERPRETATION:

A balcony that is intended for occupant use must have an outside outlet located not more than 6.5 feet above the walking surface of the balcony.

For purposes of this interpretation, a balcony is considered “intended for occupant use” if the balcony is 18-inches deep or greater, at any point, measured from the exterior wall or entry point threshold to the guardrail.

If the balcony is less than 18-inches deep, the outdoor receptacle outlet is recommended but not required.



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