

TOWN OF MINDEN

CODE AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

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UNMARKED STRUCTURAL LUMBER

Any lumber, which is not grade-marked or certified by a recognized grading organization, may be authorized for use by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) under the following conditions:

The producing mill or person that is providing the lumber to be used in an approved structure, shall certify to the AHJ that the quality and safe stresses of such lumber are equal to or exceed Number Two (#2) Lumber with the conditions set forth in DOC PS 20. Below are references to the Residential Code of New York State (RCNYS) and the Building code of New York State (BCNYS).

RR602.1 Identification. Load-bearing dimension lumber for studs, plates and headers shall be identified by a grade mark of a lumber grading or inspection agency that has been approved by an accreditation body that complies with DOC PS 20. In lieu of a grade mark, a certification of inspection issued by a lumber grading or inspection agency meeting the requirements of this section shall be accepted.

1221.2 Identification of lumber used for load-supporting purposes.

(a) *Compliance alternative.* In lieu of compliance with section 2303.1.1 of the Building Code of New York State, lumber used for load-supporting purposes which is neither identified by a grade mark nor issued a certificate of inspection by a lumber grading or inspection agency may be used under the following conditions when authorized by the authority having jurisdiction:

(1) The producing mill shall sell or provide the lumber directly to the ultimate consumer or the consumer’s contract builder for use in an approved structure.

(2) The producing mill shall certify in writing to the consumer or contract builder on a form to be provided by the authority having jurisdiction that the quality and safe working stresses of such lumber are equal to or exceed No. 2 grade of the species in accordance with the conditions set forth in American Softwood Lumber Standard (PS 20-99) published by the United States Department of Commerce. Such certification shall be filed as part of the building permit application.

(3) The use of such lumber shall be in accordance with Section 503 of the Building Code of New York State, limited to:

(i) buildings of residential group R occupancy not exceeding three stories in height;

(ii) buildings of assembly group A, business group B, educational group E, factory industrial group F, high hazard group H, institutional group I, mercantile group M, storage group S and utility miscellaneous group U occupancy not exceeding 10,000 square feet of cumulative floor area or 35 feet in height.

I, _____, am the representative of the producing lumber mill or the builder that is providing the lumber to be used on the structure to be built at the property located at: _____

S.B.L. #: _____, Town of Minden, Montgomery County, State of New York. And understand and will comply with all of the above requirements as to the use of such lumber.

(Signature of certifying individual)

(Printed name of certifying individual)

Being duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is the person above named and that all the statements contained in this application are true to the best of his/her knowledge.

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public _____ County of _____

My commission expires _____.