



OREGON FIRE CODE Interpretations and Technical Advisories

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Ruling: Interpretation No. 11-04 (Revised #02-24 & 05-05)

Subject: Vending Machines in School Corridors

Code Reference: 2010 Oregon Fire Code, Section 1030.1

Question(s): Many schools in the state are installing vending machines in the exit corridors. Is this an obstruction as per Oregon Fire Code or may it be allowed?

Answer(s): If the vending machine does not constitute a fire hazard and the minimum width of the egress path is not diminished then the use may be permitted by the AHJ. Each installation must be reviewed and approved by the local AHJ on a case by case basis.

Other References: 2009 International Fire Code Commentary
2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code
2009 International Building Code Commentary