



## Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee

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**TO:** MHCC

**FROM:** Robert E. Solomon

**DATE:** November 18, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Letter Ballot – Part 3280-Log #2

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As requested at the October 2011 in-person meeting, a letter ballot has been prepared for Log #2 concerning the width of hallways in certain manufactured homes. The ballot is enclosed for your review and completion. The ballot is based on the revisions proposed to 24 CFR Part 3280, MANUFACTURED HOME CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

Your letter ballot on the proposed changes is being done in accordance with the MHCC by-laws. As such, per Section 11.e, you are being asked to vote:

- Affirmative
- \*Affirmative with comment
- \*Negative
- \*Abstain

\*A reason must accompany your vote.

Please complete and return your ballot as soon as possible but no later than **November 30, 2011**. As noted on the ballot form, please return the ballot to **Kelly Carey** either via e-mail to [mhccaoffice@nfpa.org](mailto:mhccaoffice@nfpa.org) or via fax to 617-984-7110. You may also mail your ballot to the attention of Kelly Carey at NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169.

**PROPOSAL BALLOT DUE BY: NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

3280HUD HUD-MHCC – LOG #2

Manufactured Housing Construction Safety Standards - Staff Liaison: Robert E. Solomon

**Return Completed Ballot To: Kelly Carey**

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**Committee Action Key:**

A = Accept

R= Reject

APA = Accept in Part

APR = Accept in Principle

APP = Accept in Principle in Part

H = Hold

With respect to the Committee Action on the Proposal which accompanied the ballot, please record me as voting: (check one):

**Affirmative. I agree with the committee meeting action without comment.**  
**Please return this Ballot Page only to NFPA.**

**Affirmative With Comment.\***

**Negative.\***

**Abstain.\***

\*Reasons must accompany these votes.

**When possible, reasons are requested via e-mail in a Word Document.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **(Type or Print black ink)**

<u>Proposal No.</u>	<u>Log No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>	<u>Affirm with Comment*</u>	<u>Negative*</u>	<u>Abstain*</u>
3280HUD-	2	3280.112	Accept in Principle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3280HUD- Log #2  
(3280.112)

**Final Action: Accept in Principle**

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**Submitter:** Earl A. Gilson, Olympic Area Agency on Aging

**Recommendation:** Revise text to read as follows:

Hallways shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of ~~28 inches~~ 30 inches (762 mm) measured from the interior finished surface to the opposite wall.

**Substantiation:** Hallways provide access to bedrooms, bath and utility areas. Narrow hallways make access for elderly, handicapped persons using walkers or wheelchairs very difficult.

Cost Benefit: Cost is negligible, in-factory assembly requires no additional man-hours.

**Committee Meeting Action: Accept in Principle**

Revise 3280.112 to read as follows:

“3280.112. Hallways shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of 28 inches measured from the interior finished surface to the interior finished surface of the opposite wall. Hallways for homes 14’ wide, as measured from exterior wall to exterior wall, or larger shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of 30 inches (762 mm) measured from the interior finished surface to the opposite wall. When appliances are installed in a laundry area, the measurement shall be from the front of the appliance to the opposite finished interior surface. When appliances are not installed and a laundry area is provided, the area shall have a minimum clear depth of 27 inches in addition to the 28 inches required for passage. In addition, a notice of the available clearance for washer/dryer units shall be posted in the laundry area. Minor protrusions into the minimum hallway width by doorknobs, trim, smoke alarms or light fixtures are permitted.

**Committee Statement:** The proposed change by the MHCC will facilitate egress.