



Code Update Newsletter

The Public Works and Engineering Department
Planning and Development Services Division

"Providing information pertaining to the Codes and how they affect you"

Southern Yellow Pine: Design Allowances Changes

Beginning June 1, 2013 the Southern Forest Products Association will modify and reduce the recognized design allowances of visually graded Southern Yellow Pine.

The currently adopted Building and Residential Codes were published prior to these reductions and currently contain less stringent allowances.

In response to this industry change, the City of Houston will utilize the new recognized span tables published by the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau as of June 1. This change will not affect currently approved projects or plans that are in the plan review process or other lumber species.

To assist customers with this change, we are updating the following drawings to the new standard and will publish the replacements as they become available. In the meantime, they will be rescinded until they can be revised and republished.

DRAWING NO.	NAME
08C01	Commercial Wood Stairs
08C02	Commercial Wood Guardrail
08R06	One Story Garage Door Header
08C07-1	Commercial Ramp and Landing Sheet 1
08C07-2	Commercial Ramp and Landing Sheet 2
08R12	Residential Block Foundations
08C07	Residential Information Package-2
09R05	Residential Wall Section (Block & Base
10-07-C	Commercial Wood Stairs with Landing
10-08-R	Wood Shade Structure
11-01-R	Residential Elevated Deck
11-04-R	Residential 4' Wood Bulkhead
12-02-R	Residential Beam Supporting a Roof
12-05-R	1 Hour Fire-Rated Exterior Wall for Block & Base
12-06-R	1 Hour Fire-Rated Exterior Wall for Block & Base
12-07-R	Flitch Plate Beam

For more information please refer to www.spib.org/pdfs/SupplementNo13RevisedMarch2013.pdf or Code Word.

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