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Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Garage Structures

The question has been raised about multi-family dwelling unit garages and exposed "romex". In an effort to standardize this across the state I have reviewed the code and have determined the following.

334.10 (Uses permitted) allows NM, NMC and NMS cables to be used in the following locations.

1. One and two family dwellings and their attached and detached garages, and their storage buildings.
2. types III, IV and V construction
3. Other structures, but the cables shall be concealed.

334.10(A) allows for the installation of NM for both exposed and concealed work in normally dry locations, but specifically points to 334.10(3) for clarification on keeping the wire concealed for other structures.

Detached garages and storage buildings in other than one and two family dwelling units do not fall under 334.10(1). These fall under 334.10(3) other structures. NM, NMC and NMS cables in these locations shall be concealed and provided with a barrier with at least a 15 minute finish rating.

Please don't hesitate to call or Email me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank You,

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