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**MEMORANDUM**

Subject:	Memo #: 2000-2 (Amended)
Sprinkler Installation in Carports and Garages – NFPA 13D	Original: March 16, 2000 Effective Updated: March 3, 2022
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This memorandum serves as clarification for the installation requirements for sprinkler systems in carports and parking garages as it pertains to OCFPC 34-43 (e)(2)a.

In one-and-two-family dwellings permitted to install a required sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13D, attached, covered carports are NOT required to be provided with sprinkler protection, provided both of the following conditions are met:

1. A minimum of two-hour fire resistive construction separates the carport from all portions of the residential occupancy.
2. The carport must be at least fifty percent open to the outside air.

All other attached, covered carports, parking garages, and open parking beneath a structure shall be provided with appropriate sprinkler protection. These areas are permitted to be designed with a maximum 2 sprinkler head calculation, including utilizing discharge density consistent with other areas of the dwelling unit in accordance NFPA 13D, provided such parking areas serve the dwelling unit.