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SUBJECT: Title 21 Compliant "Bay Windows"

Question: Do bay windows require window panes on all sides of the projecting bay or alcove?

Short Answer: No.

Interpretation:

AMC 21.15.040 defines Bay Window as: "a window or series of windows projecting outward from the wall plane of a building and forming a habitable space such as a bay or alcove in a room within."

This section provides a definition and several examples of compliant "bay windows" to include a box, cant, bow, and contemporary bay window. The illustrations accompanying the definition show windows on all sides of the projecting portion of the bay or alcove.

These illustrations are examples of what a bay window may look like; however, the definition determines what is required. The definition of bay window states in part "a window or series of windows...." Thus, if the portion of the building being considered has **one window or a series of windows** and meets the definition of "bay window," it is deemed compliant with Title 21.