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If a ledge at least 7" deep and 20" wide is provided within 8" of the clear opening of a **basement egress window** and within 46" of the finished floor, allow it to serve as step for egress. This would windows to be installed upon full 4' foundation walls with two plates underneath to meet egress requirement. This change will allow greater frost protection and allow exterior trim to be installed below the windows. It will also allow windows to be installed out of the range of landscaping and weed whackers.

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Please eliminate the 4" sphere requirement on **exterior stairs**. Having closed or obstructed **risers** on these stairs makes snow and ice removal difficult, jeopardizing safety in the winter months. Additionally, there are limited options available for materials to match new deck materials.

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Eliminate requirement that **fireblocking** be installed **where a interior foundation furring wall meets the floor above** if the wall abuts the end joist space and the end joist space is blocked per code. This is a difficult detail to construct, and the blocking in the end joist space will serve to contain a fire. Installation of this fireblocking makes the end joist space difficult to impossible to insulate and inspect.

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