

Request for an Amendment to the 2011 NEC

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Section 210.52 (3) Floor Receptacles

Revise Section 210.52(A)(2), as follows:

In locations as required by 210.52(A)(2)(2) receptacle outlets in floor shall not be counted as part of the required number of receptacle outlets unless located within 914 mm (36 in.) of the wall.

Exception:

As used in this section, floor receptacles shall be counted as part of required number of receptacle outlets if located up to 36 in. from wall and spaced as required by 210.52(A)(1).

Justification:

When locating a Floor outlet within 18 inches of the wall in the floor it presents a safety hazard since in most cases the area is a walking path. When the floor outlet is located up to 36 inches off of the wall the safety hazard is removed and the intent of the code is satisfied.