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- ➔ Solid deletion arrow indicates IBC text has been deleted.
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Text Markings

- Underlining indicates Seattle amendments. ADULT FAMILY HOME.
- Italics indicate a defined term. *A dwelling* licensed.
- Strikethrough indicates Seattle deletions. (~~ADULT FAMILY HOME~~)
- A bracketed and underlined W indicates Washington state amendments. [W]

CHAPTER 5 FLOORS

Note: this chapter includes only those sections of the 2015 International Residential Code for which amendments are proposed.

SECTION R507 EXTERIOR DECKS

[W]R507.2.4 Deck lateral load connection. The lateral load connection required by Section R507.1 shall be permitted to be in accordance with Figure R507.2.3 (1) or R507.2.3 (2). Where the lateral load connection is provided in accordance with Figure R507.2.3(1), hold-down tension devices shall be installed in not less than two locations per deck, within 24 inches of each end of the deck. Each device shall have an allowable stress design capacity of not less than 1,500 pounds (6672 N). Where the lateral load connections are provided in accordance with Figure R507.2.3(2), the hold-down tension devices shall be installed in not less than four locations per deck, and each device shall have an allowable stress design capacity of not less than 750 pounds (3336 N).

Exception: Decks not more than 30 inches above grade at any point may be unattached.

**[W] TABLE 507.2.1
PLACEMENT OF LAG SCREWS AND BOLTS IN DECK LEDGERS AND BAND JOISTS
MINIMUM END AND EDGE DISTANCES AND SPACING BETWEEN ROWS**

	TOP EDGE	BOTTOM EDGE	ENDS	ROW SPACING
Ledger ^a	2 inches ^d	3/4 inch	2 inches ^b	1-5/8 inches ^b
Band joist ^c	3/4 inch	2 inches ^e	2 inches ^b	1-5/8 inches ^b

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

- a. Lag screws or bolts shall be staggered from the top to the bottom along the horizontal run of the deck ledger in accordance with Figure R507.2.1(1).
- b. Maximum 5 inches.
- c. For engineered rim joists, the manufacturer’s recommendations shall govern.
- d. The minimum distance from bottom row of lag screws (~~or bolts~~) to the top edge of the ledger shall be in accordance with Figure R507.2.1(1).
- e. The 2 inches may be reduced to 3/4 inch when the band joist is directly supported by a mudsill, a header or by double top wall plates.

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