

<b>Maricopa Association of Governments Building Code Amendments and Standards Manual BCAS #10</b>	
<b>Title: Uniform Requirement of Weep Screed per Section R703.6.2.1 of the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC)</b>	
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The requirements of the 2012 IRC Section R703.6.2.1, states “The weep screed shall be placed a minimum of 4 inches (102mm) above the earth or 2 inches (51 mm) above paved areas and shall be of a type that will allow trapped water to drain to the exterior of the building.”

The clearance required above the paved areas cannot be maintained when the Builder provides a no step entry.

It is the purpose of this code section to allow excess moisture inside the wall to drain to the exterior of the building. As an alternate method, the installation of a deco drain directly below the weep screed meets this requirement.