



# City of Raymore

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**Code Interpretation:** 2012 IRC Interpretation 04

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**Code/ Edition:** 2012 International Residential Code  
2012 International Building Code

**Section(s):** IRC 310.1.1  
IBC 1029

**Subject:** Emergency Escape and Rescue Windows Calculated

**Question:** Can the net clear window opening required for emergency escape and rescue openings by the IBC or IRC be achieved by removing both sashes?

**Answer:** No

**Commentary:** IBC 1029 and IRC 310.1 state that the net clear opening dimensions shall be the result of normal operation of the opening. The act of removing parts of the window unit in order to achieve the net clear opening requirements is not part of the normal operation of the window.

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