Podium Buildings
Using the 2012 IBC

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Interpretation:

This building type separates the buildings above and below a required 3-hour horizontal assembly into two separate and distinct buildings for the purposes of determining area limitations, continuity of fire walls, limitation of number of stories and type of construction. The building type is commonly referred to as a podium building; however, this term does not appear in the IBC.

Section 510.2 of the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) expands the scope of uses that are allowed below the horizontal assembly, or podium, to include Group R. The inclusion of Group R was first introduced in the 2009 IBC.

Applicants may use the 2012 IBC code section referenced herein.