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March 28, 2021

Ms. Dawn Lea  
4459 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007

Re: Existing roof structure check

Dear Ms. Lea,

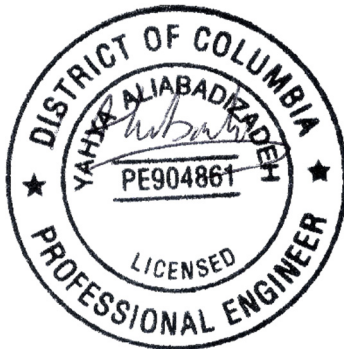
Further to your request, I visited your property located at 4459 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007. I checked the existing structure for applicable loads. Per my observation, the existing roof of the building is constructed with 2x6 @ 24" O.C. joists. The joists span approximately 14 ft between the supports.

Per my attached calculations, the joists can barely carry the existing applicable snow load. The future development on the neighboring property will certainly add more snowdrift load to the roof which will be beyond the roof structural capacity.

Therefore, the roof structure will not be able to carry the future increased snow load and must be reinforced and strengthened if any additional load will be added.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,



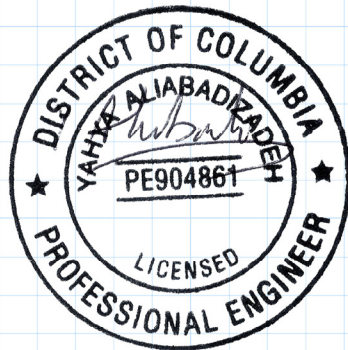
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*Structural Calculations*

for

Roof joist check for snow load

**4459 MacArthur Blvd NW  
Washington, DC 20007**



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**1 - Objective or Purpose**

The following calculation is for Snow Load calculation and Roof Joist check on property located at 4459 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007

**2 - References**

- 2-1 - ASCE 7-10 Minimum design Load for Buildings and other structures.
- 2-2 - IBC 2013, International Building Code
- 2-3 - NDS 2009, National Design Specification for Wood construction
- 2-4 - Field measurments

**3 - Calculation basis**

Sructural calculation is performed per Reference 2-1 to 2-4.

**4 - Assumptions**

There is no unverified assumption in this calculation. Any assumption made in the body of this calculation will be justified in the same section where assumption is made.

**5 - Inputs**

Snow Load	ASCE 7-10	(Ref. 2-1)
Building Geometry	Field Measurements	(Ref. 2-4)

**6 - Methodology**

Roof Structure is checked for applicable Dead , Live , Snow loads.

**7 - Limitations or restrictions on calculation applicability**

This calculation is only applicable for residential building located at 4459 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007

**Snow load :**

Calculate Flat Roof Snow Load :

Ground Snow Load from for District of Columbia region :  $p_g := 30 \text{ psf}$  (Fig. 7-1, Ref 2-1)

Terrain category for open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights less than 30 ft : Exposure Category = C (26.7.2, Ref 2-1)

Exposure factor for partially exposed roof :  $C_e := 1.0$  (Table 7-2, Ref 2-1)

Thermal factor for unheated structures :  $C_t := 1.1$  (Table 7-3, Ref 2-1)

Risk category of building : Risk\_Cat := "II" (Table 1.5-1, Ref 2-1)

Snow Importance factor :  $I_s := \begin{cases} \text{if Risk\_Cat} = \text{"I"} \\ \quad \parallel 0.8 \\ \text{else if Risk\_Cat} = \text{"II"} \\ \quad \parallel 1.0 \\ \text{else if Risk\_Cat} = \text{"III"} \\ \quad \parallel 1.1 \\ \text{else} \\ \quad \parallel 1.2 \end{cases} \quad I_s = 1$  (Table 1.5-2, Ref. 2-1)

Flat roof snow load:  $p_{flat} := \max(20 \text{ psf} \cdot I_s, 0.7 \cdot C_e \cdot C_t \cdot I_s \cdot p_g) = 23.1 \text{ psf}$  (Eq. 7.3-1, Ref. 2-1)

Minimum flat roof snow load :  $p_{min} := \begin{cases} \text{if } p_g \leq 20 \text{ psf} \\ \quad \parallel = 20 \text{ psf} \\ \text{else} \\ \quad \parallel I_s \cdot p_g \\ \text{else} \\ \quad \parallel I_s \cdot (20 \text{ psf}) \end{cases}$  (7.3.4, Ref. 2-1)

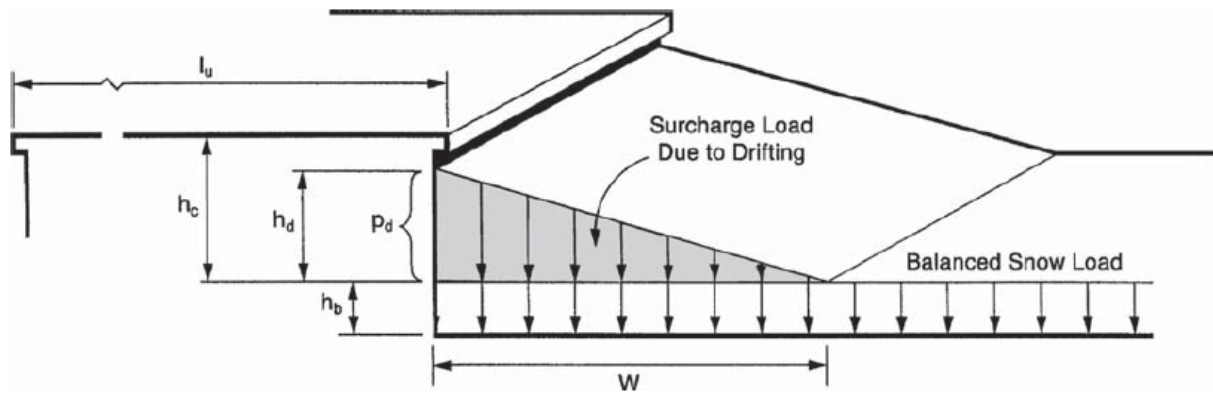
Flat roof snow load after minimum snow load is considered:  $p_f := \max(p_{min}, p_{flat}) = 23.1 \text{ psf}$

Roof slope factor :  $C_s := 1.0$  (Fig. 7-2b, Ref. 2-1)

Sloped roof :  $p_s := C_s \cdot p_f = 23.1 \text{ psf}$  (Eq. 7.4-1, Ref. 2-1)

Snow density :  $\gamma_{snow} := \min\left(\left(0.13 \cdot \frac{p_g}{ft} + 14 \cdot pcf\right), 30 \text{ pcf}\right) = 17.9 \text{ pcf}$  (Eq. 7.7-1, Ref. 2-1)

Height of balanced snow load (Snow drift height):  $h_b := \frac{P_s}{\gamma_{\text{snow}}} = 1.291 \text{ ft}$  (7.7.1, Ref. 2-1)



**Figure 6 - Configuration of snow drift (Fig. 7-8, Ref. 2-1)**

**Calculate Snow Drifts near parapet:**

Parapet Height per architecture:  $h_{pr} := 42 \text{ in}$

Clear height :  $h_c := h_{pr} - h_b = 2.209 \text{ ft}$

Calculate\_drift := if  $\frac{h_c}{h_b} < 0.2$  |  
 || "No Drift"  
 else  
 || "Yes" | Calculate\_drift = "Yes" (7.7.1, Ref. 2-1)

Length of the roof upwind of the drift :  $l_u := 40 \text{ ft}$

If less than 25ft use  $l_u = 25 \text{ ft}$  |  $l_u := \max(l_u, 25 \text{ ft}) = 40 \text{ ft}$

Ground Snow load:  $p_g = 30 \text{ psf}$

Height of snow drift :  $h_d := \frac{3}{4} \left( 0.43 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{l_u}{\text{ft}}} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{p_g}{\text{psf}} + 10} - 1.5 \right) \text{ ft} = 1.649 \text{ ft}$  (Fig. 7-9, Ref. 2-1)

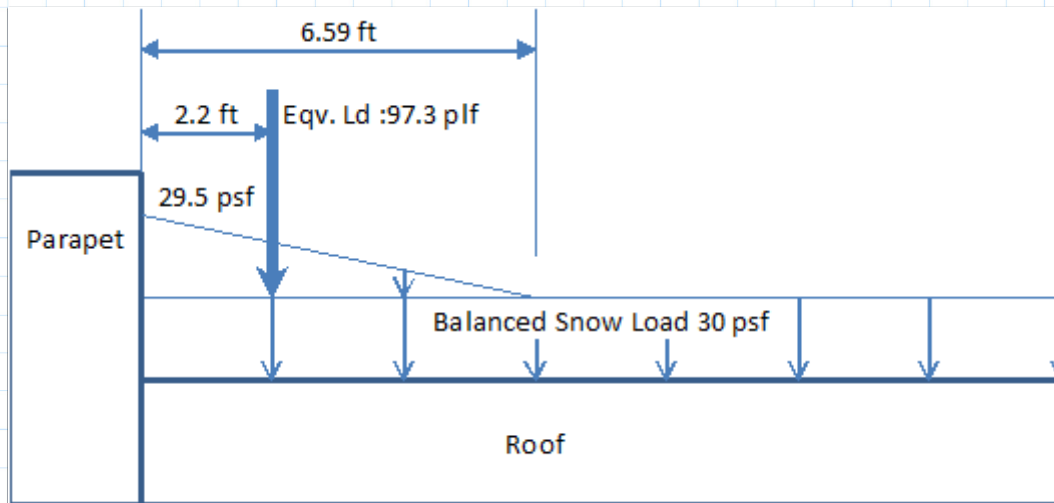
$w := \min \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } h_d \leq h_c \\ || 4 \cdot h_d \\ \text{else} \\ || 4 \cdot \frac{h_d^2}{h_c} \end{array} \right) = 6.595 \text{ ft}$  |  $p_d := \text{if } h_d \leq h_c$  |  $= 1.649 \text{ ft}$   
 ||  $h_d$   
 else  
 ||  $h_c$

IBC section 1608 requires roofs with a slope less than 1/2" per 12" to be designed for a rain-on-snow surcharge load as determined in accordance with ASCE 7, section 7.10. Section 7.10 does not require a rain-on-snow surcharge for locations where the ground snow load exceeds 20 psf; therefore, rain-on-snow surcharge is not required.

Summary:

Snow Load in flat parts:  $SL_{unif} := \max(p_g, p_f) = 30 \text{ psf}$

Snow drift:  $SD := p_d \cdot \gamma_{snow} = 29.512 \text{ psf}$       Max Drift length :  $w = 6.595 \text{ ft}$



**Figure 7 - Snow drift equivalent load**

Equivalent Snow Drift :  $SD_{eqv} = 97.316 \text{ plf}$

Distance of equivalent load to parapet :  $SD_{dist} = 2.198 \text{ ft}$

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## Building Code Information

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Governing Code : IBC 2018, ASCE 7-16, CBC 2019, AISC 360-16, NDS 2018, ACI 318-14, TM9

City Jurisdiction :

Contact Name :

Alternate Contact :

Building Official :

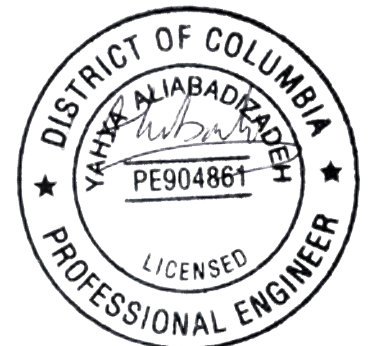
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Project Notes



**Wood Beam**

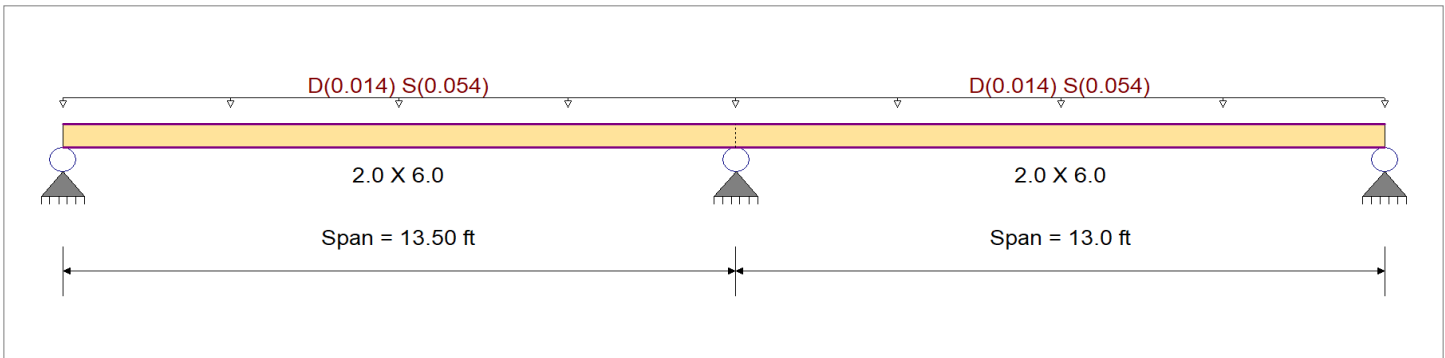
DESCRIPTION: **Roof Joists check for Bending**

**CODE REFERENCES**

Calculations per NDS 2018, IBC 2018, CBC 2019, ASCE 7-16  
 Load Combination Set : IBC 2018

**Material Properties**

Analysis Method : <b>Allowable Stress Design</b>	Fb +	<b>1300 psi</b>	E : <i>Modulus of Elasticity</i>	
Load Combination <b>IBC 2018</b>	Fb -	<b>1300 psi</b>	Ebend- xx	<b>1700ksi</b>
	Fc - Prll	<b>1700 psi</b>	Eminbend - xx	<b>620ksi</b>
Wood Species : <b>Hem-Fir (North)</b>	Fc - Perp	<b>405 psi</b>		
Wood Grade : <b>Select Structural</b>	Fv	<b>145 psi</b>		
	Ft	<b>775 psi</b>	Density	<b>28.72pcf</b>
Beam Bracing : <b>Beam is Fully Braced against lateral-torsional buckling</b>				



**Applied Loads**

Service loads entered. Load Factors will be applied for calculations.

Load for Span Number 1  
 Uniform Load : D = 0.0070, S = 0.0270 ksf, Tributary Width = 2.0 ft, (Snow Load)  
 Load for Span Number 2  
 Uniform Load : D = 0.0070, S = 0.0270 ksf, Tributary Width = 2.0 ft, (Snow Load)

**No additional capacity for snow drift**

**DESIGN SUMMARY**

				<b>Design OK</b>			
Maximum Bending Stress Ratio	=	<b>0.999</b> 1	Maximum Shear Stress Ratio	=	<b>0.404</b> : 1		
Section used for this span	=	<b>2.0 X 6.0</b>	Section used for this span	=	<b>2.0 X 6.0</b>		
	=	1,493.87 psi		=	67.36 psi		
	=	1,495.00 psi		=	166.75 psi		
Load Combination	=	+D+S	Load Combination	=	+D+S		
Location of maximum on span	=	13.500ft	Location of maximum on span	=	13.047 ft		
Span # where maximum occurs	=	Span # 1	Span # where maximum occurs	=	Span # 1		
<b>Maximum Deflection</b>							
Max Downward Transient Deflection		0.290 in	Ratio =		557 >=240		
Max Upward Transient Deflection		0.000 in	Ratio =		0 <240		
Max Downward Total Deflection		0.366 in	Ratio =		442 >=180		
Max Upward Total Deflection		-0.001 in	Ratio =		177873 >=180		

**Maximum Forces & Stresses for Load Combinations**

Load Combination	Segment Length	Span #	Max Stress Ratios								Moment Values			Shear Values						
			M	V	C <sub>d</sub>	C <sub>F/V</sub>	C <sub>i</sub>	C <sub>r</sub>	C <sub>m</sub>	C <sub>t</sub>	C <sub>L</sub>	M	fb	F'b	V	fv	F'v			
D Only																				
	Length = 13.50 ft	1	0.263	0.106	0.90	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.31	307.56	1170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	13.87	130.50
	Length = 13.0 ft	2	0.263	0.106	0.90	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.31	307.56	1170.00	0.11	13.87	130.50	0.11	13.87	130.50
+D+S																				
	Length = 13.50 ft	1	0.999	0.404	1.15	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.49	1,493.87	1495.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	67.36	166.75
	Length = 13.0 ft	2	0.999	0.404	1.15	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.49	1,493.87	1495.00	0.53	67.36	166.75	0.53	67.36	166.75
+D+0.750S																				
	Length = 13.50 ft	1	0.801	0.324	1.15	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.20	1,197.30	1495.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	53.99	166.75
	Length = 13.0 ft	2	0.801	0.324	1.15	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.20	1,197.30	1495.00	0.42	53.99	166.75	0.42	53.99	166.75
+0.60D																				
	Length = 13.50 ft	1	0.089	0.036	1.60	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.18	184.54	2080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	8.32	232.00

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DESCRIPTION: **Roof Joists check for Bending**

Load Combination	Segment Length	Span #	Max Stress Ratios		C <sub>d</sub>	C <sub>F/V</sub>	C <sub>i</sub>	C <sub>r</sub>	C <sub>m</sub>	C <sub>t</sub>	C <sub>L</sub>	Moment Values			Shear Values		
			M	V								M	fb	F'b	V	fv	F'v
	Length = 13.0 ft	2	0.089	0.036	1.60	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.18	184.54	2080.00	0.07	8.32	232.00

**Overall Maximum Deflections**

Load Combination	Span	Max. "-" Defl	Location in Span	Load Combination	Max. "+" Defl	Location in Span
+D+S	1	0.3657	5.807		0.0000	0.000
+D+S	2	0.2810	7.626	+D+S	-0.0009	0.218

**Vertical Reactions**

Support notation : Far left is #1

Values in KIPS

Load Combination	Support 1	Support 2	Support 3
Overall MAXimum	0.348	1.127	0.327
Overall MINimum	0.277	0.895	0.260
D Only	0.072	0.232	0.067
+D+S	0.348	1.127	0.327
+D+0.750S	0.279	0.903	0.262
+0.60D	0.043	0.139	0.040
S Only	0.277	0.895	0.260