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Mr. Wiltse, the building was built in the early 60's (you stated), so the 1967 code is applicable. Regardless of whether renovation of the elevator shaft is within the scope of your work or not, and regardless of whether or not renovation work was done on the elevator shaft, the shaft is still required to comply with the code under which it was constructed.

The 1967 code says this:

6-1111 Each ...elevator shaft, ...shall be enclosed or protected to prevent the spread of fire or smoke...

6-1113 Each floor opening, as specified in 6-111, shall be enclosed by substantial walls having fire resistance not less than required for stairways, 6-1114, with approved fire doors or windows provided in openings therein, all so designed and installed as to provide a complete barrier to the spread of fire or smoke through such openings.

6-1114 The enclosing walls of floor openings serving stairways or ramps shall be so arranged as to provide a continuous path of escape, including landings and passageways in accordance with Section 5-3, providing protection for persons using the stairway or ramp against fire or smoke therefrom in other parts of the building. Such walls shall have fire resistance as follows:

Existing buildings, 1/2 hour unless a greater resistance is required by the authority having jurisdiction in consideration of the hazard of the individual building.

So, it looks to me Mr. Wiltse that the elevator shaft has to be 1/2-hour fire resistance rated at minimum.

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