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(CBS4) DENVER Producers for MTV's 'The Real World,' which has been filming in Denver this summer, have been ordered to appear before the city's Lower Downtown Design Review Board next Thursday to explain their apparent illegal construction of a brick wall. The wall was added when the crew renovated the old B-52's Billiards at 1920 Market St. and turned it into a large home for the cast.

The new brick wall was added to the front of the building. The 20 foot high facade also had a couple of garage doors included.

An internal city email obtained by CBS4 said "The Lower Downtown Design Review Board has found that ... 'Real World' is in violation of ... design and demolition review as they did not go through design review for demolition and construction of the brick wall."

The memo continued with the comment, "Please cite them..."

The review board is made up of seven mayoral appointees. The board's job is to ensure that LoDo's historic character is not compromised.

CBS4 also obtained blueprints that showed other renovations inside the building. A shuffleboard area was added along with a chat area, an office, gym, bedrooms, a basketball court, small pool, phone room and large areas for television production.

Administrators with the review board said they think the show's producers did not intentionally circumvent the city's codes by building the wall. They called it a mistake.

Although little action is expected, the review board could order the wall removed or could decide to leave it alone.

Administrators said the issue will most likely be resolved without fines. They said the producers have been very apologetic about the illegal construction, calling it an oversight.

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