Continuous Footings at Garage Door Openings

**Code:** 2012 Residential Code  
**Section:** R403.1  
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**Question:**  
Are footings required to be continuous under garage door openings?

**Answer:**  
No. Section R403.1 states that "all exterior walls shall be supported on continuous...footings." If there is no exterior wall, such as at a garage door opening, there is no requirement for a footing. Please note however that, if the opening is in a bearing wall, and the continuous footing is omitted, a properly designed spread footing must be provided at each side of the opening. This also applies to structures built in the 110, 120, and 130 mph Wind Zones.