



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Section** 508.3.1

**Question:**

Is the intent of Florida Building Code - Building Section 508.3.1 to assign the occupant load factor of the primary occupancy to an accessory use area of a mixed occupancy? The accessory use area occupies less than 10% of the total floor area.

**Answer:**

No, unless exempted by Section 508.3.1. Per Section 508.3.1.1 "Occupancy classification. Accessory occupancies shall be individually classified in accordance with Section 302.1. Code requirements shall apply to each portion of the building based on the occupancy classification of that accessory space."

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**Commentary:**

None.

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