



**Informal Interpretation Report
Number 6704**



Date April 19, 2011

Edition 2007

Section 912.5.3

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC EB 912.5.3 to prohibit a change of occupancy to a higher hazard category to a portion of a type VB building where the roof rafters, girders and/or purlins are running perpendicular to the "fire barrier wall"?

Answer

Chapter 13 of the FBC-Existing AND 104.11 of the FBC-Building provide for an alternate compliance method.

Commentary:

The alternate method would have to be approved by the local Applicable Governing Body (Building Official).

Notice:

The Building Officials Association of Florida, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, ICC, and industry and professional experts offer this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency in their application statewide. This interpretation is informal, non-binding and subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.