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Section 304

Question:

Is it the intent of section 304 to classify an adult education program on a high school campus as Business Occupancy or can it be classified as Educational?

Answer

The proper occupancy classification for an adult education program is Business as 304.1 specifically calls out "Educational occupancies for students above the 12th grade."

Commentary:

There is no simple answer to the question without further information. If the Adult Ed classes are regular K-12 classrooms than it is an Educational Occupancy. If the classes are taught in buildings that are used for non-adult students than the building is an Educational occupancy and the Adult Ed is accessory to the Educational occupancy. If the Adult Ed classes are other than k-12 classes and the adult students are being taught in their own building than Business occupancy would be appropriate.

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