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Section 912

Question:

"Is it the intent of Section 912.1, to consider a Group A-2 Occupancy changing from a Restaurant/Lounge to a Nightclub/Bar a �Change of Occupancy�,. All are part of Group A-2.

Answer

Yes, this change qualifies as a change of use within the occupancy class meeting the definition of Change of Occupancy. If changing from a restaurant to a night club, there is a definite change in the purpose or level of activity within the building. In addition, the FFPC requires existing occupancies of this sort with an occupant load exceeding 100 to be protected by an automatic sprinkler system. (FFPC s. 13.3.5)

Commentary:

The 13.3.5 provision of NFPA 101 was modified by a Florida specific amendment to change the existing occupant threshold from 100 to 300 for the retrofit.

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