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Section 302.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 302.1 to allow a building, structure, and/or space to be classified with respect to occupancy in one or more of the occupancy groups AT THE SAME TIME? This implies having a building, structure, or space having a dual (or triple) occupancy and complying with all of their requirements simultaneously.

Answer

The most stringent occupancy group to be used should be the design standard, thus allowing any of the less stringent occupancies to use the space.

Commentary:

For existing Buildings: Any certificate of use (occupancy) is specific to the space and its occupant. When that use (occupancy) changes, the new occupant must comply with the corresponding requirements for the new use (occupancy). These conditions are the same whether there are multiple occupancies in a building, or only one.

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