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Section 909

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 909, in the case
when there is a change of occupancy in an
existing building from storage to assembly, to
require installation of space heating system?

Answer

The answer to the question is yes.

Although it appears the code section referenced is
incorrect based on the question and a code was not
specified. See the Commentary below.

Commentary:

Section 912 addresses changes of occupancy classification
which is clearly the case at hand. Section 912.1.1 requires
compliance with Chapter 8 it is being presumed that this is
a change of occupancy classification without separation.

As a change of occupancy classification without separation,
the entire building is required to comply with the new

occupancy requirements unless modified by the FBCEB.

Chapter 8 states the provisions of Chapters 6 and

7 are applicable in addition to the provisions of Chapter 8.

(s.801.2). Section 701.3 requires all new construction

elements, components, systems and spaces to comply with the

FBCB. In addition, the occupancy classification change

constitutes a reconfiguration or conversion as addressed at

Section 709.1 FBCEB requiring the installation of

appropriate natural or mechanical ventilation and exhaust

system in accordance with FBCM.

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