



Informal Interpretation Report Number 7516



Date July 07, 2015

Edition 2010

Section 1207

Question:

Is it the intent of 1207.1 - 1207.3 regarding sound transmission to apply to hotel rooms and suites which include separate living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms.

Answer

While what is being described meets the definition of a "Dwelling Unit" by the black and white of the text, some wiggle room may be needed and the ultimate decision is left with the authority having jurisdiction.

Commentary:

The concern for noise transmission is an important business decision for the type of "use" that is described, however, the actual occupancy code makes this a more temporary, or transient type of use. That is not to say someone may not occupy the space for an extended period of time, or the impacts of occupancy may not be very similar to a condominium type occupancy. Many of the facilities described may be a mix of what meets the definition and some rooms that do not. If no cooking facilities are provided and it is merely a sleeping room, it does not meet the definition, however, the use of hard sole or high heeled shoes on the tile floors is not prohibited. The ultimate decision rests with the AHJ to evaluate the facility and intensity of the use.

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.