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Section 309.1

Question:

Is it the intent of the FBC 309.1 to create a separate Storage Occupancy separation for the Stock Room to a retail store?

Answer

No. The change regarding accessibility by the public was to account for increasingly popular venues such as Sam's Club, Costco, etc. where the sales area and storage area are the same.

The code also permits accessory occupancies ancillary to the main occupancy to be classified the same as the main occupancy, provided area limitations are met. Finally, Table 508.4 does not require rated separation between Groups M and S-1. tire storage is classified as S-1. We cannot locate the section referenced in the FFPC

Commentary:

None

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