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Question:

Is it the intent of Energy Conservation, Table C405.5.2(2) to define "Parking garage - garage area" as interior lighting, even though a garage is 40 percent open to the outside? If yes, does this then mandate all the C405.2 (Mandatory) interior lighting controls?

Answer

Yes, for lighting purposes, these are considered interior spaces. Both Tables C405.5.2(1) and C405.5.2(2) contain provisions for parking garages. Even if considered an open parking garage, lighting is needed for night operations, if nothing else.

Lighting controls may be exempted under certain exceptions for security, which may also include eye adjustment, such as when leaving a dark area and entering a bright, sunlit one. These exceptions are found in sections 405.2.1 through 405.5.

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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