



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 903.2.8

Question:

Is it the intent of this section to require a fire sprinkler for a Community Residential Home with five or fewer residents (as defined in Chapter 419 F.S.)?

Answer

We are not able to interpret statutes outside the scope of the building code but.... that statute states "(2) Homes of six or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a community residential home shall be deemed a single-family unit and a noncommercial, residential use for the purpose of local laws and ordinances." The building code is not a local law or ordinance, it is adopted as a rule under the Florida Administrative Code guided by Florida Statute 553 and therefore, while we cannot offer legal advice, it appears this statute may not apply.

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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