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Section 304.

Question:

Would a Training Room that is solely used for training in a classroom type setting be classified as follows (regardless of the square footage for that room)?:

Business Occupancy (Training and skill development not in a school or academic program) (FBC 304.1)

Occupant Load: 20 Net SF per person (Classroom Area) (FBC Table 1004.5)

Plumbing fixture Count: For Educational Facilities (FBC Table 2902.1)

Answer

Number of occupants shall be computed at the rate of 1 per the unit of area based on the "function of the space" as prescribed in Table 1004.5 regardless of occupancy classification. The room in question is for training with a classroom type setting. Occupant load count for "that room" will be 1/20 sf net.

With regards to the plumbing fixture count, the question stated Business occupancy. Assuming that this is the main occupancy classification of the building or tenant space then plumbing count shall be based on Business occupancy "classification" using the "total" number of occupants determined by the FBC Building. FBC Plumbing Table 403.1 header is clear on this. It is based on occupancy "classification".

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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