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Section 303.1.2

Question:

Is an Entry or Lobby that is a part of a Business that complies with the Area conditions listed in this section calculated at the 150 sq ft per person value as part of a Business occupancy?

Answer

As projected in the plan, the proposed use of the space appears to be consistent with an office use calculation of 150 Gross. However, if this space is used as waiting space for the primary function area of the building, such as holding customers in this lobby space so they can all be let into the primary function area at one time, then a occupant load factor of 7 net or even 5 net could be appropriate. The design professional needs to communicate to the building department how this lobby space will be utilized.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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