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Question:

When construction documents submitted for a single-family dwelling depict one dwelling unit with one common kitchen and no permanent provisions for cooking within individual bedrooms, may the building be required to have a different occupancy classification based solely upon a possible future use or occupancy that is not depicted in the submitted construction documents?

Answer

The use needs to comply with the issued certificate of occupancy (CO) as shown on the approved construction documents and permit. If there are changes to the use, a new permit for a new CO must be requested per the locally adopted chapter 1 requirements and the new use must comply with the applicable code provisions for a change occupancy.

Commentary:

None.

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