



Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

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Informal Interpretation

Request

Date: 11/14/23

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National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Document:
Edition of the NFPA Document: 7th edition
Chapter and Paragraph of the NFPA Document: Ch

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the NFPA citation above:

My client has a single class
fifteen K-12 students,
accessory spaces (corridors &
Students can not get school
Life Safety approval from

Enter a statement of the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation in the
manner in which the statement was rendered:

The LFO is stating that room
single classroom for fifth
larger than a single class

Enter a statement of the interpretation that the Petitioner is making of the NFPA
citation above and a statement supporting the Petitioner's interpretation:



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LIFE SAFETY PLAN FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION 1199 CLAY STREET, WINTER PARK, FL 32789

APPLICABLE CODES

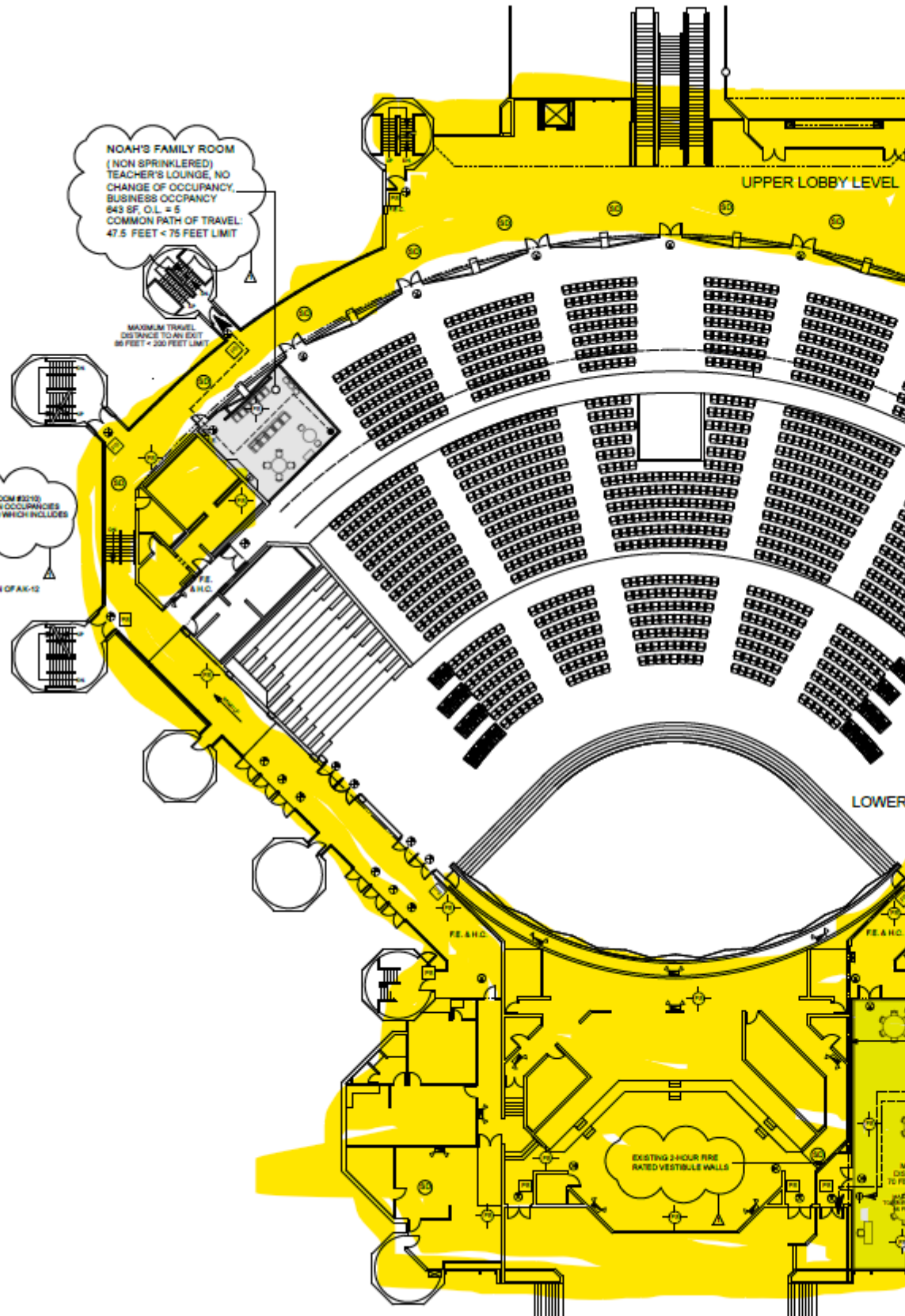
- 2020 FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, 7TH EDITION
- 2020 FLORIDA ACCESSIBILITY CODE, 7TH EDITION
- 2020 DIGITING BUILDING CODE, 7TH EDITION
- LEVEL 1 - ALTERATIONS
- NFPA CLASSIFICATION OF REHABILITATION/RENOVATION
- 2020 FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE, 7TH EDITION
- 2018 NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE W/FL AMENDMENTS
- 2018 NFPA 1 UNIFORM FIRE CODE W/FL AMENDMENTS
- 2016 NFPA 72 NATIONAL FIRE ALARM CODE
- 2017 NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE
- ENGINEERING STANDARDS MANUAL
- FLORIDA STATUTES
- FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

BUILDING DATA

EXISTING TWO STORY CHURCH FACILITY
MIXED OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION: ASSEMBLY & EDUCATIONAL (ROOM #210)
PER FIG 7TH ED., TABLE 604.4, NO REQUIRED SEPARATION BETWEEN OCCUPANCIES
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: II, UNPROTECTED, PARTIALLY SPRINKLERED WHICH INCLUDES ALL CORRIDORS AND LOBBY AREAS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE TEMPORARY (ANTICIPATED UNDER 8 MONTHS) ACCOMMODATION OF A K-12 SCHOOL HAVING AN ENROLLMENT OF 15 STUDENTS
LIFE SAFETY CHANGE: ADDITION OF ONE NEW SURFACE MOUNTED TYPE 2-A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN ROOM 2210





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Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are affected.

Without the Life Safety app
students can not get
funding.

Enter the Petitioner's question concerning an interpretation of the Code.

Is there an area limit for
single classroom identifi-
#2 of 14.3.5.2?

Answer: Not here is no size limit associated with the exceptions provided for in NFPA 101 14.3.5.1 (2)

Commentary:

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To clarify fully your question as it pertains to the subject building and occupancies involved. Although there is no size limitation, this exception as written does not apply to the scenario presented. The building in question is part of a multiple occupancy, and this exception is for a standalone building with a single classroom and therefore not applicable.

Note: It is the Boards opinion that adding an educational occupancy in this building would not necessarily require a sprinkler system to be retrofitted in the auditorium if the building had previously met all life safety requirements/considerations previously. For example, if it could be substantiated that the three-hour fire wall separating the proposed classroom from the entrance lobby and the rest of the building met both Florida building code and FFPC for separate buildings (2 hour or greater vertically aligned fire barrier wall) See NFPA 1 8.2.1.3.

8.2.1.3

Where the building or facility includes additions or connected structures of different construction types, the rating and classification of the structure shall be based on one of the following:

1. (1) Separate buildings, if a 2-hour or greater vertically aligned fire barrier wall in accordance with NFPA 221 exists between the portions of the building

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2. (2) Separate buildings, if provided with previously approved separations
3. (3) Least fire-resistive construction type of the connected portions, if separation as specified in 8.2.1.3(1) or 8.2.1.3(2) is not provided

and had separate non intermingled exits as per NFPA 101 Exhibit 6.18
2018 Life Safet Code Handbook

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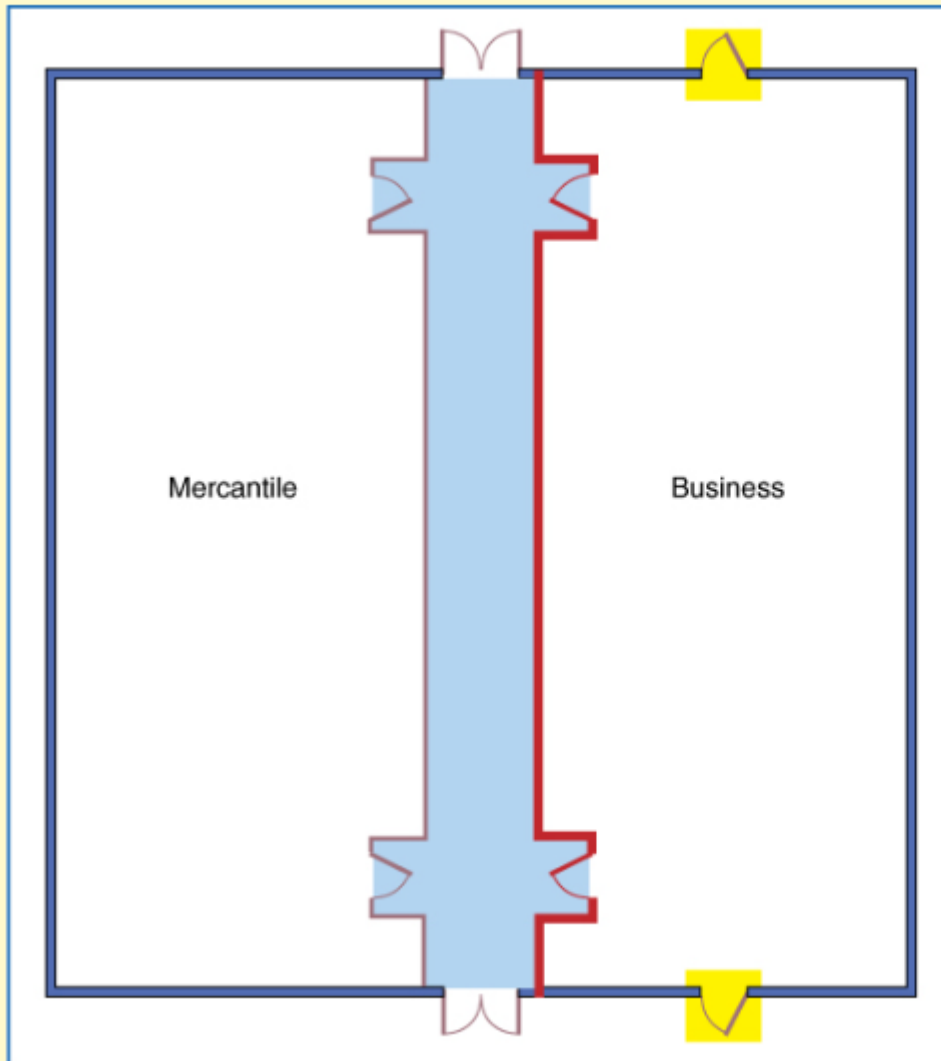
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Exhibit 6.18 Multiple occupancy building permitted to be protected via the separated occupancies provisions.



the Local AHJ may consider these occupancies as separate buildings and not violate NFPA 13 2016 edition 4.1 level of protection requirements.

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Alternate: Vacant

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Alternate: Silver Chip Ware

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Alternate: Karl Thompson

Region 5 - Delegate: Anthony Apfelbeck, Altamonte Springs Building Department
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Alternate: Vacant

Region 7 - Delegate: (Kenneth) Sean Brown, Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue & Emergency Services
Alternate: Rebecca Geimer Tamarac Fire Rescue

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