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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 04-01

CODE: 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC) (as revised 2000)

SECTION: Section 313.8.2.1, Fire sprinkler systems in LC Occupancies.

QUESTIONS: Section 313.8.2.1 requires that a fire sprinkler system be provided for Group LC Occupancies with 16 or fewer clients licensed to provide care for more than two clients who have an evacuation capability level of II or III. The EXCEPTION to this requirement is that a fire sprinkler system need not be installed in any Group LC Occupancy licensed for six or fewer clients regardless of the level of evacuation capability.

Does the exception create a conflict for LC occupancies with 2-6 clients, having more than two clients with an evacuation capability level of II or III?

ANSWER: 1. No. The exception creates a specific requirement which applies to any Group LC Occupancy with six or fewer clients. For a Group LC occupancy with 2-6 clients, having more than two clients with an evacuation capability level of II or III, the code does not require an automatic fire sprinkler system.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: State Fire Marshal