



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 13-05

CODE: 2012 International Residential Code

SECTION: R101.2, Scope

QUESTION: Was it the intention of the SBCC to require a fire sprinkler system be installed in live/work units and/or owner-occupied lodging houses, as published in the model code, 2012 IRC?

ANSWER: **No, the intent is to permit the use of the IRC for these occupancies. However, the SBCC did not amend this section of the code. The exceptions to R101.2 permit live/work units and owner-occupied lodging houses to be constructed to the IRC. An owner-occupied lodging house was previously defined by the SBCC as a dwelling unit, with fire sprinkler requirements dependent on the local ordinance. The intent of the SBCC was to maintain this approach.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Clallam County