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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 19-06

CODE: 2015 International Fire Code
SECTION: 907.2.9

QUESTION: Does exception 3 of the 2015 IFC refer to a “manual fire alarm system”, removing the requirement for pull stations only, and requiring the utilization of the fire alarm control panel that is installed for monitoring the automatic fire sprinkler system to provide notification (both ICC/ANSI A117.1, and IFC 907.5) for the building?

Or

Does this exception read as it is written, that a fire alarm system is not required and that the only fire alarm required for R-2 buildings meeting this exception is to have a fire sprinkler monitoring system (dedicated function fire alarm system) and no notification in the building?

ANSWER: The latter. A fire alarm system is not required and that the only fire alarm required for R2 buildings meeting this exception is to have a fire sprinkler monitoring system (dedicated function fire alarm system) and no notification in the building

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Snohomish County