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Administration

Chapters 1 and 2

- Chapter 1 Scope and Administration
- Chapter 2 Definitions

The provisions of Chapter 1 set forth requirements for the adoption, application, enforcement and administration of the *California Fire Code* (CFC). In addition to establishing the general scope and intent of the CFC, the chapter addresses construction, operational and maintenance inspection authority, the responsibilities and authority of the fire code official, and the adoption of referenced standards. Chapter 1 establishes requirements for the issuance of construction and operational permits, inspection of facilities and processes, collection of fees, issuance of stop work orders and other legal notices, and formation of a board of appeals.

Chapter 2 provides definitions for terms used throughout the CFC and the *California Building Code* (CBC). Codes are technical documents, and every word and term can add to or change the meaning of a provision and its application. ■

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Care Suite

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Non-patient Care Suite

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Occupancy Classification: Residential Group R-2.2
Community Correctional Reentry Centers



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Application of the CBC vs. CRC

CHANGE TYPE: Clarification

CHANGE SUMMARY: Clarification and intent of which California Code applies to the construction of certain residential occupancies.

2019 CODE: 1.1.7.3 Conflicts. *When the requirements of this code conflict with the requirements of any other part of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, the most restrictive requirements shall prevail.*

Exception: ~~*Detached one- and two-family dwellings, efficiency dwelling units, lodging houses, live/work units, townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane with a separate means of egress, and their accessory structures, shall not be required to comply with the California Residential Code if constructed in accordance with the California Building Code.*~~

1.1.7.3.1: *Detached one- and two-family dwellings, efficiency dwelling units, lodging houses, live/work units, townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane with a separate means of egress, and their accessory structures, may be designed and constructed in accordance with the California Building Code or the California Residential Code, but not both, unless the proposed structure(s) or element(s) exceed the design limitations established in the California Residential Code, and the code user is specially directed by the California Residential Code to use the California Building Code.*

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: Although this provision exists in the 2016 California Building and Residential Code, misapplication of the *California Fire Code* has continued to be an issue with regard to residential automatic fire sprinkler provisions. Many jurisdictions and designers have designed to the most restrictive provisions of each code. This revision makes it clear that only one code prevails, not both. Furthermore, with regard to residential automatic fire sprinkler provisions, if the design of the residential automatic fire sprinkler system is designed to either Section R313.3 of the *California Residential Code* or NFPA 13D, only one standard shall apply, not the most restrictive provisions of both.



Dwelling constructed using the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.

CHANGE TYPE: Addition

CHANGE SUMMARY: Provides clarification that the fire official is not required to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for certain occupancies.

2019 CODE: **1.11.6 Certificate of Occupancy.** *A Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued as specified in Title 24, Part 2, California Building Code, Section 111.*

Exception: *Group R-3, and Group U occupancies.*

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: The addition of this exception provides clarification that the Fire Code Official is not required to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for Group R-3 and Group U occupancies, thereby leaving the responsibility to the Building Official.

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Certificate of Occupancy Group R-3 and U Exemptions

RESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE of OCCUPANCY

Issued by:

(Jurisdiction Contact Information)

Project Street Address: _____

Structural Permit No: _____ Mechanical Permit No: _____
Contractor: _____ Contractor: _____
License #: _____ License #: _____

Plumbing Permit No: _____ Electrical Permit No: _____
Contractor: _____ Contractor: _____
License #: _____ License #: _____

Structural Permit Holder (or Owner): _____

Mailing Address: Street _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Owner of Structure (if other than structural permit holder): _____

Mailing Address: Street _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Description of Project: ☐ New Single Family Dwelling
☐ New Duplex
☐ New Townhouse

This permit was issued and the residence was inspected based on the _____ Edition of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

Special Conditions affecting the approval of this certificate

- ☐ Structures at this site are located in a Wildfire Hazard Zone requiring rated roof coverings.
- ☐ Structure is located in a Flood Zone requiring elevation of the building and equipment.
- ☐ Home contains an Automatic Fire Sprinkler System that is required to be maintained.
- ☐ Other required conditions applying to this site.

This structure has been inspected and complies with the applicable codes, regulations, and laws that were in effect at the time the permit was issued. All final inspections have been completed and this dwelling is approved for occupancy.

Signed this _____ day of _____,

By: _____ (Name) _____ Building Official, _____ (Jurisdiction) _____

Note: The availability of plans, specifications, or drawings dealing with permits may be limited after two years.

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Care Suite

CHANGE TYPE: Clarification

CHANGE SUMMARY: Provides clarification of the Occupancy Group that the definition applies to.

2019 CODE: 202 CARE SUITE. In Group I-2 *or I-2.1* occupancies, a group of treatment rooms, care recipient sleeping rooms and the support rooms or spaces and circulation space within the suite where staff are in attendance for supervision of all care recipients within the suite, and the suite is in compliance with the requirements of Section 407.4.4 of the *California Building Code*.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: This change clarifies that care suites occur in both Group I-2 and I-2.1 occupancies. The revised definition coordinates with other changes made to the *California Fire Code* in Chapters 9 and 10.



Care suite in a Group I-2 hospital.

CHANGE TYPE: Clarification

CHANGE SUMMARY: Provides clarification of the application of the *California Fire Code* relating to Foster Care facilities.

2019 CODE: 202 COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY. *Any facility, place, or building that is maintained and operated to provide nonmedical residential care, day treatment, adult day care, or ~~foster family~~ agency services for children, adults, or children and adults, including, but not limited to, the physically handicapped, mentally impaired, incompetent persons, and abused or neglected children, and includes but is not limited to the following as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1502:*

- *Residential facility.*
- *Adult day program.*
- *Therapeutic day services facility.*
- *Foster family agency.*
- *Foster family home.*
- *Small family home.*
- *Social rehabilitation facility.*
- *Community treatment facility.*
- *Full-service adoption agency.*
- *Noncustodial adoption agency.*
- *Transitional shelter care facility.*
- *Transitional housing placement facility.*

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Community Care Facility



Community care facility provisions correlated with other state regulations.

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CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: Removing Foster care from the list to assist the code user from confusion of other regulations that are in other California Code of Regulations, specifically California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Additionally, the removal of these types of facilities from the California Building, Residential and Fire Codes will place them in typical Group R-3 occupancies, thereby removing the approval by the Fire Code Official to clear the STD 850 form, which is no longer issued by Community Care Licensing.