

## Kentucky Building Code Chapter 34 Seminar

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### Occupancy listings, summary International Building Code, 2006

Structures or portions of structures shall be classified with respect to Occupancy in one or more of the groups below to properly review against the code. The type of Occupancy and size will also determine whether the Code review will occur at the local or state level. Specific agreements between the state and the local jurisdiction may grant additional review capability at the local level but the Kentucky Building Code defines the reviews thus:

\* State review required if project exceeds a certain size and occupancy load.

\*\* State review always required.

**\*Assembly, Group A** – The use of a building/structure for Assembly uses as follows:

- a. A-1. Viewing theater, movies usually with fixed seating
- b. A-2. Consuming food/ drink
- c. A-3. Worship, recreation, amusement
- d. A-4. Viewing of indoor sporting events.
- e. A-5. Participation in or viewing of outdoor activities.

**\*Business, Group B** - The use of a building/structure for Business uses such as office, professional or service-type transactions and including storage of records and accounts. This can also include small assembly areas that are part of the business occupancy. Examples includes banks, barber/beauty shops, data processing, professional services.

**\*\*Educational, Group E** - The use of a building/structure for Educational uses by 6 or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This group also includes Daycares for more than 5 children older than 2 ½ years.

**\*Factory, Group F** – The use of a building/structure for Factory/Industrial uses as follows:

- a. F-1. Moderate hazard that are not low hazard (bakeries, manufacture of clothing, bicycles, furniture, woodworking)
- b. F-2. Low Hazard that involve the fabrication or manufacturing of noncombustible materials which do not involve a significant fire hazard.

**\*\*High Hazard, Group H1 thru H5** - The use of a building/structure for uses that manufacture, store, process, etc materials that can constitute a physical or health hazard.

**\*\*Institutional, Group I** - The use of a building/structure for Institutional uses as follows:

- a. I-1. Supervised care for 16 or more persons, 24 hours/day. (halfway houses, assisted living)
- b. I-2. Supervised care for more than 5 persons not capable of self preservation, 24 hours/day (hospitals, nursing homes)
- c. I-3. More than 5 persons under restraint or security (prisons, jails)
- d. I-4. Day care facilities

**\*Mercantile, Group M** - The use of a building/structure for Mercantile uses such as display and sale of merchandise

**\*Residential, Group R** - The use of a building/structure for Residential uses as follows:

- a. R-1. Boarding house, hotels, motels.
- b. R-2. More than 2 dwelling units where residents are primarily permanent (apartments, boarding houses, fraternities, dormitories)
- c. R-3. primarily permanent uses that are not R-1, R-2, R-4, or I. (buildings with 1 dwelling unit upstairs in mixed use)
- d. R-4. Buildings for residential care/assisted living for more than 5 but less than 16 persons.

**\*Storage, Group S** – The use of a building/structure for Storage uses as follows:

- a. S-1. Moderate hazard that involves storage of combustible materials that are not High Hazard.
- b. S-2. Low Hazard that involve the storage of noncombustible materials which can be on wood pallets in paper cartons/wrappings with negligible amount of plastic.

**\*Utility, Group U** - The use of a building/structure for accessory, miscellaneous uses. (Barns, carports, greenhouses, sheds)