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RE: Evaluation of Lodging Occupancies

This memo is intended to clarify evaluations of small lodging type facilities statewide by this office.

Please note that NFPA 101 Chapter 26 applies to lodging facilities. This occupancy classification applies to a building or portion thereof that does not qualify as a one- or two-family dwelling and that provides sleeping accommodations for a total of 16 or fewer people on a transient or permanent basis, without personal care services, with or without meals, but without separate cooking facilities for individual occupants. A one and two-family dwelling contains not more than two dwelling units in which each dwelling unit is occupied by members of a single family with not more than three outsiders, if any, accommodated in rented rooms.

Based on the definition of a one- or two-family dwelling, this office reasons that a single building owner is allowed to rent to a maximum of 3 outsiders. This would place a total of 4 non-related persons in sleeping facility and still recognize classification as a single family residence.

Therefore, it is the determination of this office that sleeping facilities that are capable of sleeping a maximum of 4 persons shall be classified as a one- or two-family dwelling and will not be required to submit plans and specifications to this office for review prior to permitting by a parish or municipal permitting authority.

This determination does not alleviate the requirement for plan review, permitting, and inspections by parish and municipal.

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