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**DUE TO THE TRANSIENT NATURE  
OF OCCUPANCY, EVEN THOUGH  
THEY ARE SEPARATE BUILDINGS,  
OCCUPANCY WOULD BE HOTEL  
IF GREATER THAN 16 OCCUPANTS  
OR LODGING AND ROOMING IF  
16 OR FEWER.**

Re: Classification of Occupancy

RE: 16-1.2.1 HOTELS (DEFINED)  
20-1.1.1 APPLICATION

Gentlemen:

At present, we are considering using existing "shot gun" houses as a "Bed & Breakfast". I understand the project cannot be considered a Bed & Breakfast, but I am confused as to the classification of occupancy.

*Jan W. [unclear]*  
**CHIEF ARCHITECT** 12/27/95

The buildings are detached and are singular dwellings. For this reason, the property does not seem to fall under the Lodging House classification. However, the occupants are transients. For this reason, the property does not appear to meet the standard of a dwelling.

Maximum occupancy of the project is approximately 16 and for this reason does not fall under the classification of Hotel. One of the cottages is to be occupied by an on-site manager. Please indicate the classification of this project so that I may design accordingly.

Thank you for your time. Please call to discuss this matter at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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