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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION 17-16

- CODE:** 2015 International Building Code
- SECTION:** 304 Group B // 2902.1/2902.3 Toilet facilities
- QUESTION 1:** Is it appropriate to classify an unattended self-service car wash facility with drive-in bays for an individual to wash their own vehicle as a Group B occupancy? If no, is there a more appropriate classification?
- ANSWER:** Yes, “carwash” is a specific category listed under Section 304 Business Group B.
- QUESTION 2:** Is a an unattended self-service car wash facility with drive-in bays for an individual to wash their own vehicle considered an occupied building that is required to be provided with public toilet facilities?
- ANSWER:** No. Section 2902.1 provides plumbing fixtures “based on the actual use of the building.” Uses not shown on Table 2902.1 “shall be considered individually by the code official.” A self-service car wash with no employees and no occupant load for the purpose of means of egress facilities is not covered on Table 2902.1 Minimum Number of Required Plumbing Fixtures.
- SUPERSEDES:** None
- REQUESTED BY:** City of Bellingham