



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 21-07

CODE: 2018 International Building Code

SECTION: IBC 104.1, 302.1

QUESTION: For buildings, or portions thereof, that operate as a non-medical licensed institution, does the building official have the authority to determine the occupancy classification based on the use and associated hazards of the facility, in accordance with the adopted code?

ANSWER: Yes, the building code official has the authority to determine the occupancy classification.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Association of King County Fire Marshals