

## STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 21-Nov01

**CODE:** 2018 International Building Code  
2018 International Fire Code

**SECTION:** Chapter 2 Definitions / [SBCC Opinion #08-09](#)

**ORIGINAL EMAIL:** I'm aware of the Nightclub interpretation the SBCC performed in 2008 specifically [Interpretation # 08-09](#). But is the SBCC still firm on their stance? Recently I have found in my jurisdiction that advertising "Karaoke" is a way around the sprinkler requirements set forth in the code.

**QUESTION 1:** Does the State consider Karaoke as a form of live entertainment?

**ANSWER:** *The state does not have any formal interpretation of Karaoke. The local jurisdiction or Code Official would interpret live entertainment.*

**QUESTION 2:** Does the State consider Karaoke as a form of live entertainment regardless of the Max occupancy?

**ANSWER:** *The state code does not define this. The local jurisdiction or Code Official approves occupancy and use during the plan review and permitting process.*

**QUESTION 3:** Does the State consider a DJ as live entertainment triggering the Sprinkler requirement?

**ANSWER:** *The state does not have any authority over enforcement. Interpretations/ requirements not defined in the code would be up to the local jurisdiction or Code Official.*

**QUESTION 4:** Regarding "primary use", If a restaurant or tavern with unfixed tables and chairs 8+/- hours a day has a DJ or Karaoke for the last 2+/- hours of the day with a "viewing" area greater than 350sqf trigger the Sprinkler requirements?

**ANSWER:** *This would be defined by the local jurisdiction or Code Official. Viewing area is not defined in the definitions of the model code.*

**QUESTION 5:** Who has the Final say determining if Karaoke is live entertainment and requires Fire Sprinklers?

**ANSWER:** *The local jurisdiction or Code Official.*

**SUPERSEDES:** None

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