



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 24-27

CODE: 2021 International Residential Code

SECTION: R101.2 Scope

QUESTION 1: Is an Adult Family Home a “care facility” in the context of R101.2, Exceptions 4, 5, and 6 whereby automatic fire sprinklers would be required?

ANSWER: No. Adult Family Homes are included in R101.2 Scope and do not require the use of one of the exceptions. Further, Washington State has created an entire code section specifically addressing Adult Family Home requirements, R330. If sprinklers were intended, they would be included in R330 with the other special requirements.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Cowlitz County, City of Mount Vernon