



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 25-SEP01

CODE: 2021 Washington State Building Code

SECTION: 510.2 Horizontal Building Separation Allowance

QUESTION 1: Was it intentional that the State did not include Group I-1 Condition 2 assisted living facilities as an allowable occupancy above the horizontal assembly when utilizing the horizontal building separation allowance in 2021 WSBC Section 510.2?

ANSWER: Research into the 2021 Code proposal [21-GP1-82](#) which made changes to Section 510.2, reveals that the language concerning I-1 Condition 2 Occupancies was removed in error.

QUESTION 2: Since the State allows Group I-1 Condition 2 assisted living facilities to utilize the height and number of stories for Group R-2 Occupancies, if the Group I-1 Condition 2 occupancy was located at the allowable height and number of stories above grade plane without counting the story height above the horizontal assembly, but rather, to the stories above grade plane, would this meet the intent of the footnotes in 2021 WSBC Table 504.3 and 504.4 regardless of whether the horizontal building separation allowance was utilized for the rest of the building?

ANSWER: Yes.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Newcastle