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Change of Occupancy

Section 3406.1 California Building Code: "No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any building that would place the building in a different division of the same group of occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such building is made to comply with the requirements of this code (California Building Code) for such division or group of occupancy.

Section 3406.4 California Building Code: "When a change of occupancy results in a structure being reclassified to a higher occupancy category, the structure shall conform to the seismic requirements for a new structure." See Code for exception.

Section 3410.1 California Building Code: Compliance Alternatives "The provisions of this section are intended to maintain or increase the current degree of public safety, health and general welfare in existing buildings while permitting repair, alteration, addition and change of occupancy without requiring full compliance with Chapter 2 through 33, or Sections 3401.3 and 3402 through 3407, except where compliance with other provisions of this code is specifically required in this section."

Any change of occupancy requires a building permit.