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CITY OF COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT		
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD		
STANDARD TITLE:	402.005 HAZARD CLASS DETERMINATION	
STANDARD NUMBER: 402.005	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 October 2022	REVISION DATE: 1 October 2022

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to clarify the requirements when a change of occupancy may initiate the installation of fire sprinklers.

APPLICATION

This policy is applicable to instances where a building or portion of a building is to be used in a different manner than from its original intended use.

OPERATIONAL POLICY

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE

The joint policy between the City of Coalinga Development and Resource Management (DARM) Department and Coalinga Fire Department (CFD or Department), which includes the Hazard Categories and Classifications Table, are to be used to determine if a change of occupancy should initiate new *California Building Code* or *California Fire Code* required systems or construction features in the subject building. The Fire Marshal, or designee, is to make the ultimate determination on behalf of the CFD.

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INFORMATION

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DEFINITIONS

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CROSS REFERENCES

California Fire Code
California Building Code



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CBC OCCUPANCY GROUP CHANGE AND THE LOCAL FIRE SPRINKLER ORDINANCE: LIFE SAFETY HAZARD CATEGORIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

The following table shall be used to determine if a building or portion of a building that is changing from one California Building Code occupancy group or use to one that is more, less or is within the same life safety and exiting hazard category. Compare the existing use to the new proposed use in the table below. If the proposed use increases the hazard category, fire sprinklers are required.

Note: This table applies only to the local fire sprinkler amendments. The California Building Code has specific fire sprinkler requirements based on occupancy group (examples: all "H" occupancies or all "A2" occupancies with an occupant load over 100 require sprinklers).

Highest Hazard (life safety and exiting)

1. A1, A2, A3 or A4 (300 or more occupants); **E; 1; H1, H2**
2. A1, A2, A3 or A4 (50 - 299 occupants), A5
3. R1, R2, R2.1, R3, R3.1
4. **B; F; H** (other than H1 or H2); M; S1
5. S2
6. U

Lowest Hazard (life safety and exiting)

For the purposes of this table, occupancies with a classification designated under a previous building code shall have their existing use classified as the occupancy most closely resembling the current edition of the California Building Code.

The above table is derived from Table 5-B of the 1997 Uniform Code for Building Conservation.