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Comment In this case I agree with the Local Building Official's interpretations based on the following: While the scope of work has been classified as a Level II alteration as noted by the RDP, it has also been noted that there is a change in how the building is being utilized which will bring forward different code requirements, as noted in the 7th edition of the FBCEC notes in 1001.2.1, Change of use, the requirement of a Change of Use would be applicable based on Number 3 of the definition, "Any change in use within a group for which there is a change in the application of the requirements of this code" which would pull forward the following requirement changes in code requirements. SECTION 1004 is the requirements of FIRE PROTECTION in the FBCEB, which states: "Fire protection requirements of Section 1012 shall apply where a building or portions thereof undergo a change of occupancy classification or where there is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the Florida Building Code, Building." This requirement pulls in the requirements found in the FBCB, Section 903.2.9.1 Repair garages. FBCB Section 903.2.9.1 states "An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with Section 406" and list two items, 2 & 4, that possibly apply to this project. Specifically, a reference to Section 406 was listed in the preceding requirement, Namely Section 406.8.3, Automatic sprinkler system, applies to a repair garage, and states "A repair garage shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.2.9.1."