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Petition # 263

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Comment I would agree with the opinion that this is a change in sub classification of the F-1 occupancy. This is a change in occupancy. I agree with petitioner that the application of woodworking fire area is limited to the actual "woodworking" area and not the entire space of the unit or building. I question the determination of only 1316 sf of woodworking area should be used. Woodworking is not just the machines that cut the wood. A general search of woodworking definition finds that woodworking includes the machine working and cutting of natural or manufactured panels, assembly of machined parts, storage/gluing, and the finishing of said parts. Per area table provided on the life safety plan, the area is greater than 1316 sf. The owner's representative even notes that breaking up the space effects their ability and efficiencies as they fabricate their product. Additionally, documentation provided indicates storage of combustible materials in excess of 12 ft which would need a fire sprinkler system on its own (possibly). I would recommend denial of appeal and that either the fire area be broken up into separate fire areas below 2500 sf or a sprinkler system is installed.

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