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Practice Related to Conversion of Use per
Sections §1-403(a)(11), §1-404(a)(3), and §1-406 of the
Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules, Effective January 1, 2005

One key factor in determining whether a proposed conversion of use qualifies for an exemption or a permit without modifying the existing water and wastewater systems is whether or not the conversion will result in an increase in design flow.

Design flow is determined by the use of Section §1-504 of the Rules. The existing design flow for a residential building is determined by the number of existing bedrooms. For the purpose of making this determination, a physical construction that meets the requirements in portion (A) of the bedroom definition, appearing on page 7 of the rules, shall be considered to be a bedroom, whether or not there is a history of usage as a bedroom.

The first three bedrooms shall be assigned a design flow of 140 GPD each. Additional bedrooms shall be assigned a design flow of 70 GPD each. Any building with less than 3 bedrooms will be assigned a design flow of 140 GPD for each bedroom in existence.

A higher design flow may be assigned to a building based on a demonstration of occupancy, in which case the design flow shall be 70 GPD per occupant.

Projects that were permitted with smaller design flows shall use the permitted design flow as the basis for conversion of use.

Note: Any project subject to state regulation may also be subject to local regulation, which may be more restrictive. Any project must comply with both the state and local regulations.

Note: Any project subject to 1-403(a)(4) of the rules is not eligible for conversion of use under section 1-403(a)(11) of the rules.

Note: This practice supersedes paragraph #2 of the Procedure Related to Modification of Existing Buildings or Structures that was issued 5/21/03

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