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Fire Protection Standard 115

Maximum Occupant Load Signs

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This standard has been developed pursuant to Chapter 10 of the California Fire Code as adopted by ordinance by the Ross Valley Fire Department and Title 19 California Administrative Code. The purpose of this standard is to outline specific criteria for signs when posting of room capacity is required.

I. Determining Maximum Occupant Load

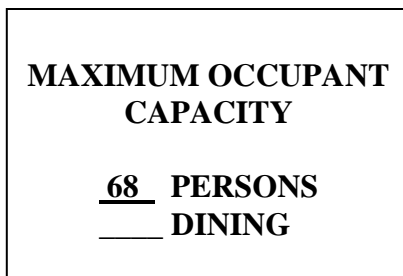
- A. Assembly areas with a concentrated use and without fixed seats shall be calculated at 7 sq. ft. per person.
- B. Assembly areas with a concentrated use as standing space shall be calculated at 5 sq. ft. per person.
- C. Assembly areas with less concentrated (tables and chairs) use shall be calculated at 15 sq. ft. per person.
- D. The maximum occupant capacity shall be determined by the Fire Marshal.

II. Posting of Room Capacity

- A. Every room or space that is an assembly occupancy with an occupant load of 50 or more persons shall have posted and maintained a occupant load sign.
- B. The sign shall state "Maximum Occupant Capacity." The sign shall reflect two numbers:
 - 1. Concentrated use
 - 2. Dining

The sign shall have letters at least one inch high, in contrasting color to the background.

Example:



- C. The sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit.