



# Florida Fire Marshals And Inspectors Association

## Informal Interpretation

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**NFPA Document Number:** NFPA 101

**Edition:** 2007

**Paragraph Reference:** 7.3.1.2

**If this involves an actual situation, explain briefly:**

**Question** (*should be worded so that it can be answered with either "Yes" or "No"*):

As per Florida Fire Prevention Code (2007) NFPA 101 Section 7.3.1, when calculating the occupant load for a 37,000 GSF Business Occupancy, is it correct (yes or no) to exclude typically non-habitable spaces (hallways, restrooms, mechanical rooms, stairways, etc.) and use the occupant load of 100 GSF/person for all remaining areas, including conference rooms, meeting rooms, and break rooms?

**Answer:**

The FCIC committee has unanimously ruled the answer to be NO.

Committee Answer Submitted by,

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