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Hi Crystal and Greg

Per the discussion yesterday at the State Agency forum regarding this Code section can I or you propose this as a change to the supplement – It will resolve a huge problem of inconsistency in CA

Let me know what you think the best way to get this change in the new cycle

Sagiv

**907.5.2.3.1 Public use areas and common use areas.**

Visible alarm notification appliances shall be provided in public use areas and common use areas *including but not limited to*:

1. *Band rooms.*
2. *Classrooms.*
3. *Corridors.*
4. *Gymnasiums.*
5. *Lobbies.*
6. *Meeting and conference rooms.*
7. *Multipurpose rooms.*
8. *Music practice rooms.*
9. *Occupational shops.*
10. *Occupied rooms where ambient noise impairs hearing of the fire alarm.*
11. *Sanitary facilities including restrooms, bathrooms and shower rooms.*
12. *Shared office rooms used by two or more persons.*
13. *Normally occupied room(s) used by two or more persons, such as mother's room, phone room, quiet room, wellness room, etc.*
14. *Normally occupied storage room/area.*
15. *Exam rooms in medical office buildings.*

**Exception:** Where employee work areas have audible alarm coverage, the notification appliance circuits serving the employee work areas shall be initially designed with not less than 20-percent spare capacity to account for the potential of adding visible notification appliances in the future to accommodate hearing-impaired employee(s).

Can you include this as a Public Comment to change it as follows:

907.5.2.3.1 Public use areas and common use areas. Visible alarm notification appliances shall be provided in public use areas and common use areas including.but.not.limited.to:

7j.Band.rooms;

8j.Classrooms;

9j.Corridors;

0j.Gymnasiums;

1j.Lobbies;

2j.Meeting.and.conference.rooms;

3j.Multipurpose.rooms;

4j.Music.practice.rooms;

5j.Occupational.shops;

76j.Occupied.rooms.where.ambient.noise.impairs.hearing.of.the.fire.alarm;

77j.Sanitary.facilities.including.restrooms?bathrooms?and.shower.rooms;

78j.Shared.office.rooms.used.by.two.or.more.persons;

79j.Normally.occupied.room(s).such.as.huddle.room?phone\_room?quiet\_room?wellness\_room?  
etc;

Exception;Normally.non\_occupied.room(s)?such.as.electrical.room?mechanical.room?elevator.  
machine.room?elevator.control.room?janitor.room-elocet?Fire.Command.Center.(FCC)?etc;shall.  
not.be.required.to.have.visible.alarm.notification.appliance(s)

70j.Normally.occupied.storage.room-area;

71j.Exam.rooms.in.medical.office.buildings;

Rationale:

1) Delete the "used by two or more persons" from item # 13. The reason is that these "Normally occupied rooms" could potentially be used by any member (one person only) of the general public and since building owners do not have control over the general public disabilities (it is unknown if a specific person is deaf or hard-of-hearing), Therefore the strobe(s) should be required in these rooms/spaces even if there is one person only.

Also, I propose to change the term for the example "mother's room" to "a different example "huddle room" since the term "mother's room" is an "old" term which is no longer newly used by architects .. The current term used is "wellness room" which is already listed as an example in this

item # 13 ... Therefore, I suggest to add to the list another common example for a normally occupied room: "huddle room"

2) I propose to add a specific exception to this section with a list of examples for Normally non-occupied rooms such as electrical and mechanical rooms, janitor closets and elevator machine rooms.

While these rooms are considered as "occupiable" rooms by many AHJs, (meaning that a person can be in them from time to time) most of the time (Normally), these rooms are not occupied and therefore there is no emergency or safety concern for adding strobes in all these rooms which some CA AHJs require. This has been a major inconsistency between CA Fire jurisdictions which we discussed at length during the CSFM FAAC and CAFAA meetings with CA AHJs., Almost all (99%) FAAC and CAFAA members agreed that strobes are not required in these rooms and therefore the intent is to specifically include it as an exception which will be 100% clear for all CA AHJs to not require it. This will greatly reduce cost for building owners (in all occupancies) and will increase consistency between CA Fire jurisdictions.

Without this specific and explicit exception, some CA AHJs will keep requiring strobes in these rooms as they treat them as normally occupied rooms because they are occupiable...