

**RULE VII - CLASSIFICATION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
OF ALL BUILDINGS BY USE OR OCCUPANCY**

SECTION 701. Occupancy Classified

1. There are 10 Groups of Occupancies sub-divided into 25 Divisions. The accompanying matrix shows the Groupings and Divisions and the corresponding uses. The final column indicates the Zoning Classification.

a. Buildings proposed for construction shall be identified according to their use or the character of its occupancy and shall be classified as follows:

i. *Group A – Residential Dwellings*

Group A Occupancies shall include:

Division 1- Residential building/structure for exclusive use of single family occupants including school or company staff housing; single (nuclear) family dwellings; churches or similar places of worship; church rectories; community facilities and social centers; parks, playgrounds, pocket parks, parkways, promenades and play lots; clubhouses and recreational uses such as golf courses, tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pools and similar uses operated by the government or private individuals as membership organizations for the benefit of their members, families, and guests and not operated primarily for gain.

Division 2- Residential building for the exclusive use of non-leasing occupants not exceeding 10 persons including single-attached or duplex or townhouses, each privately-owned; school dormitories (on campus); convents and monasteries; military or police barracks/dormitories; pre-schools, elementary and high schools, provided that they do not exceed 16 classrooms; outpatient clinics, family planning clinics, lying-in clinics, diagnostics clinics, medical and clinical laboratories; branch library and museums; steam/dry cleaning outlets; party needs and accessories (leasing of tables and chairs, etc.).

ii. *Group B – Residentials, Hotels and Apartments*

Group B Occupancies shall be multiple dwelling units including boarding or lodging houses, hotels, apartment buildings, row houses, convents, monasteries and other similar building each of which accommodates more than 10 persons.

iii. *Group C – Education and Recreation*

Group C Occupancies shall be buildings used for school or day-care purposes, involving assemblage for instruction, education, or recreation, and not classified in Group I or in Division 1 and 2 or Group H Occupancies.

iv. *Group D – Institutional*

Group D Occupancies shall include:

Division 1 - Mental hospitals, mental sanitarium, jails, prisons, reformatories, and buildings where personal liberties of inmates are similarly restrained.

Division 2 - Nurseries for full-time care of children under kindergarten age, hospitals, sanitarium, nursing homes with non-ambulatory patients, and similar buildings each accommodating more than five persons.

Division 3 - Nursing homes for ambulatory patients, homes for children of kindergarten age or over, each accommodating more than five persons: Provided, that Group D Occupancies shall not include buildings used only for private or family group dwelling purposes.

v. Group E - *Business and Mercantile*

Group E Occupancies shall include:

Division 1- Gasoline filling and service stations, storage garages and boat storage structures where no work is done except exchange of parts and maintenance requiring no open flame, welding, or the use of highly flammable liquids.

Division 2- Wholesale and retail stores, office buildings, drinking and dining establishments having an occupant load of less than one hundred persons, printing plants, police and fire stations, factories and workshops using not highly flammable or combustible materials and paint stores without bulk handlings.

Division 3- Aircraft hangars and open parking garages where no repair work is done except exchange of parts and maintenance requiring no open flame, welding or the use of highly flammable liquids.

vi. Group F - *Industrial*

Group F Occupancies shall include: ice plants, power plants, pumping plants, cold storage, and creameries, factories and workshops using incombustible and non-explosive materials, and storage and sales rooms for incombustible and non-explosive materials.

vii. Group G - *Storage and Hazardous*

Groups G Occupancies shall include:

Division 1- Storage and handling of hazardous and highly flammable material.

Division 2- Storage and handling of flammable materials, dry cleaning plants using flammable liquids; paint stores with bulk handling, paint shops and spray painting rooms.

Division 3- Wood working establishments, planing mills and box factories, shops, factories where loose combustible fibers or dust are manufactured, processed or generated; warehouses where highly combustible materials is stored.

Division 4- Repair garages.

Division 5- Aircraft repair hangars.

viii. Group H - *Assembly Other Than Group I*

Group H Occupancies shall include:

Division 1- Any assembly building with a stage and an occupant load of less than 1000 in the building.

Division 2- Any assembly building without stage and having an occupant load of 300 or more in the building.

Division 3- Any assembly building without a stage and having an occupant load of less than 300 in the building.

Division 4- Stadia, reviewing stands, amusement park structures not included within Group I or in Division 1, 2, and 3 of this Group.

ix. Group I – *Assembly Occupant Load 1000 or More*

Group I Occupancies shall be any assembly building with a stage and an occupant load of 1000 or more in the building.

x. Group J - *Accessory*

Group J Occupancies shall include:

Division 1- Agricultural structures.

Division 2- Private garages, carports, fences over 1.80 meters high, tanks, swimming pools and towers.

Division 3- Stages, platforms, pelota, tennis, badminton or basketball courts, tombs, mausoleums, niches, aviaries, aquariums, zoo structures, banks and record vaults

Other subgroupings or divisions within Groups A to J may be determined by the Secretary. Any other occupancy not mentioned specifically in this Section, or about which there is any question, shall be included in the Group which it most nearly resembles based on the existing or proposed life and fire hazard.