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BEDROOM

Multiple revisions were made to the Environmental Health and Housing Maintenance Code that went into effect on January 1, 2014. Several of these revisions included the term 'bedroom' in the description (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, fees, etc.). This document will more clearly define which rooms will be considered a bedroom. The fee structure is based on the number of bedrooms within a multiple use structure. Also, smoke alarms are required in each bedroom. Therefore, it is important that all owners/operators have a full understanding of the definition of a bedroom.

Bedroom - Any room or sleeping area used or may be used for sleeping purposes in a dwelling, as long as the below requirements are met.

- A bedroom shall contain at least 70 square feet of floor space.
- Every bedroom shall have at least one window or ventilating sky light facing directly to the outdoors.
- Room arrangements shall not be such that access to a bedroom can be had only by going through another bedroom.
- In a studio apartment, a combined living room/bedroom will be defined as a bedroom.
- All dwellings with multiple bedrooms shall require a means of privacy for each bedroom.
- A room currently used for purposes other than sleeping (office, den, vacant, storage, etc.) may still be defined as a bedroom. The room will still be considered a bedroom if it meets the requirements outlined above which may allow the room to be used for sleeping purposes in the future.