



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Allowable Area Increases		
Code Section(s)	2007 CBC 506.3		
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2007 California Building Code (based on 2006 International Building Code) Chapter 5, Section 5063 – Automatic sprinkler system increase. This section has been amended as follows: *“In other than high rise buildings, Group A, E, H, I, L and R occupancies or other applications listed in Section 111 regulated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, these increases are permitted in addition to the height and story increases in accordance with Section 504.2.”*

- 1. Does this mean that any one of the 7 specific items listed (i.e., a high-rise, a Group A, a Group E, a Group H, a Group I, a Group L, and a Group R occupancy) may not use the 200% or 300% increase?**

Yes. Groups A, E, H, I, L, R and High Rises, or other applications listed in CBC Section 111 regulated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, are not allowed to use both the height and area increases for sprinklers.

- 2. Or does it mean that the (6) Groups located within a high-rise may not use the area increases?**

No. Refer to answer 1