



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Do existing R-4's have to meet current code because of a required biannual license renewal		
Code Section(s)	2007 CBC Section 111.1		
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Does Section 111.5.1 of the 2007 California Building Code prohibit enforcement of newly created provisions of the Building Code and Fire Code in situations where the structure in question is: (1) either an I-1 or R occupancy Group, (2) the structure was occupied and used as an I-1 or R occupancy prior to the effective date of the 2007 amendments to the Code, (3) no change in occupancy will occur, and (4) there have been no structural alterations.

Yes, existing Group I-1 and R occupancies shall be inspected under the code in effect at time of licensing.

Reference: CBC Section 111.5.1 Existing Group I-1 or Group R Occupancies. *Licensed 24-hour care in a Group I-1 or Group R occupancy in existence and originally classified under previously adopted state codes shall be reinspected under the appropriate previous code, provided there is no change in the use or character which would place the facility in a different occupancy group.*