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Code Change Information:

Will this change increase the cost of construction? Yes No

Which code needs to be revised? 2021 IBC

Which section of the code needs to be revised?

Section 1016.2.2 Table _____ Figure _____ Page _____

Proposed Change:

Show the proposed new, revised, or deleted text in Legislative format. Line through text to be deleted and underline text to be added or revised.

Section 1016.2.2 is added to read as follows:

1016.2.2 Shared common use areas. *Shared common use areas* utilized by more than one tenant must provide for direct access to an independent *means of egress* without the necessity to return through any tenant space or building. Such common areas shall be provided with signage designating each adjoining suite to comply with the ICC ANSI A-117.1® and the International Fire Code® (IFC®) as well as means of egress signage and illumination complying with other sections of this Chapter and the those required to be accessible in accordance with Chapter 11 and Section 1111.

Supporting Information:

State the purpose and reason for the change and provide substantiation to support the proposed change.

The purpose for this addition is to provide requirements safeguarding the life-safety of employees and customers who may be using such shared facilities during an emergency. Existing Section 1016.2.1 currently requires that each tenant space must provide exit access without passing through other tenant spaces. Unfortunately, this does not specifically cover scenarios in which two tenants may share a common restroom or similar area. Such areas may be provided with security measures blocking access for customers or employees from one tenant space from the other. During an emergency, said staff or customers may become disoriented, or worse blocked, while attempting to exit the space. The proposed requirement for independent means of egress is meant to allow for exiting without the threat of being trapped between fire and secured entry to other tenants. The additional reference to signage marking suite number and means of egress is meant to assist both the life being saved and the fireman who may otherwise unknowingly continue their search into another tenant space.

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