



Senate Bill 1205
Fire Protection Services
Inspection
Compliance Reporting

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BACKGROUND

On December 2, 2016, a fire broke out in a warehouse, known as the Ghost Ship, that had been converted into an artist collective, including dwelling units, in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland, California. A total of 36 people were killed in the fire and it became the deadliest in the history of the city. It was also the deadliest building fire in the United States since The Station nightclub fire in 2003 and the deadliest in California since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The tragedy at Ghost Ship brought national attention and put a spotlight on fire safety laws and inspections in California.



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On September 27, 2018, SB 1205 became effective and added a new section to the California Health and Safety Code which affects every fire department or fire district in the state. Existing State law requires every fire department or district providing fire protection services to annually inspect every building used as a public or private school. This same annual inspection requirement is applicable to hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses.



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Educational Group E occupancies are generally those public and private schools used by more than six persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade.

Residential Group R occupancies, for the purpose of this resolution, are generally those occupancies containing sleeping units and including hotels, motels, apartments (three units or more), etc. as well as other residential occupancies (including several residential care facilities). These residential care facilities have a number of different sub-classifications and they may contain residents or clients that have a range of needs, including those related to custodial care, mobility impairments, cognitive disabilities, etc. The residents may also be non-ambulatory or bedridden.

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Within the city of Santa Rosa, there are 60 known Group E occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities. During calendar year 2018, the Santa Rosa Fire Department completed the annual inspection of 53 Group E occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities. This is a compliance rate of 88% for this reporting period.

Within the City of Santa Rosa, there are 862 known Group R (and their associated sub-classifications) occupancies of this nature. During calendar year 2018, the Santa Rosa Fire Department completed the annual inspection of 820 Group R occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities. This is a compliance rate of 95% for this reporting period.

On 5/31/2019 we achieved 100% completion of mandated inspections.

QUESTIONS?