Storey County Community Development

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Considering the new information given by Governor Sisolak regarding the Phase 1 reopening. Storey County Community Development understands that business owners may have questions regarding their occupant loads. The following is a brief synopsis of how you can find or calculate your occupant load.

- If you have had a building permit within the past 5 years, you can find your occupant load on your building plans or on your permit information.
- Most larger restaurants should already have a posted occupant load sign.

- If you do not meet any of the above, the following will help you calculate your occupant load.

  2018 IFC Table 1004.5 – Note: occupant load includes employees and patrons.

Type of Business	Occupant Load Factor
Restaurant – seating area	15 sqft. per person
Retail – sales floor	60 sqft. per person

Equation 1:
Square footage (length x width) / occupant load factor = occupant load / 2 = 50% capacity.

Example 1:
Restaurant – The dining area is 3000 square feet, divide square footage by 15, the occupant load will be 200. Then divide the occupant load by 2 which will equal 100 for the 50% capacity per the phase 1 requirements.

Example 2: If you have only on exit in your building your occupant load will be only 49.

- If you should have any further questions regarding your occupant load, please contact the Storey Community Development at (775) 847-0966, or email building@storeycounty.org.

Thank you,

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