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Who are you?



- Name
- Jurisdiction
- Number of years as a Code Official

YES! Permit Technicians are Code Officials.

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ME GIVING LIFE ADVICE

Why we are here..

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## Part 1








# What is our purpose?

Definition of Commercial Tenant Improvement (TI)

Importance of TI projects for commercial properties

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## What will we talk about today?

	Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Why are we here today</li> <li>•What is our job &amp; why we rock</li> <li>•The purpose of codes</li> </ul>
	Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Being nice to our customers</li> <li>•Asking the right questions</li> <li>•Techniques to explain things</li> </ul>
	Part 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Explore the types of tenant improvements</li> <li>•Understand the applicable codes</li> </ul>
	Part 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Understanding Changes of Occupancy</li> <li>•What constitutes a change of occupancy</li> </ul>
	Part 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Plan Submission and Review Process</li> <li>•Common Pitfalls</li> </ul>
	Part 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Advanced topics including legal considerations.</li> </ul>
	Part 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Wrapping things up</li> <li>•How its all connected</li> </ul>

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## What is the role of a permit technician?

- ▶ A piece of friendly advice
- ▶ The Labyrinth of Building Codes
- ▶ Breaking it down



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## Permit Technicians are Superheroes and we Rock!

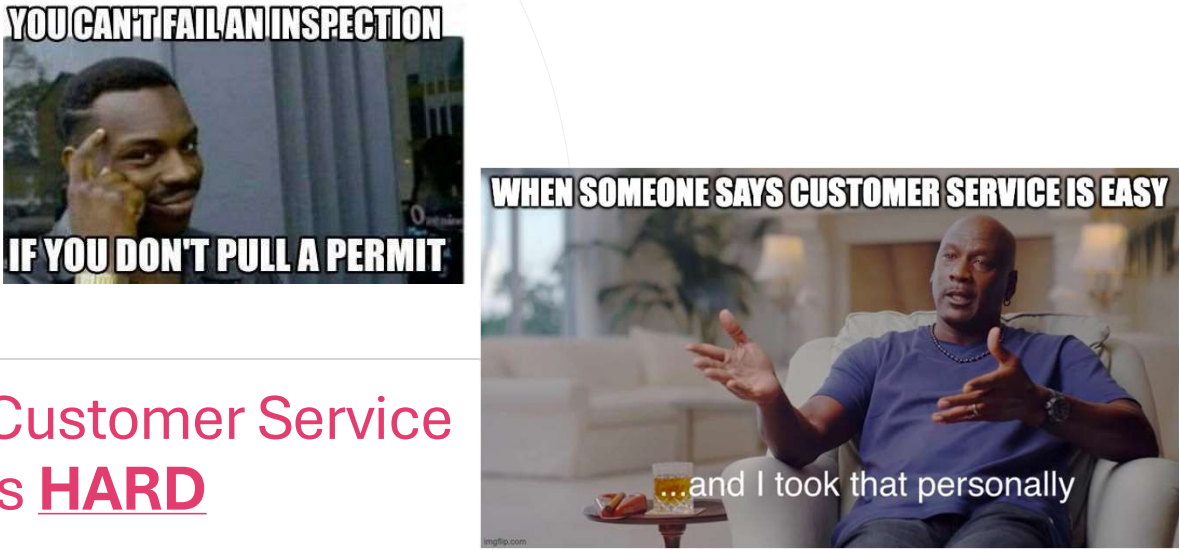
- We have superpowers.
  - Listening
  - Asking Questions
  - Knowing where to go to get the answers
  - Keeping a straight face 😊

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**YOU CAN'T FAIL AN INSPECTION  
IF YOU DON'T PULL A PERMIT**

**WHEN SOMEONE SAYS CUSTOMER SERVICE IS EASY  
...and I took that personally**

Customer Service is **HARD**

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And...  
No matter how much  
you would like to say it.

**LIAR! LIAR!**

**We can't.**

Well... at least not when they are  
still in the office.

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**Why Codes?  
Seriously, why?**

- Rules, Laws, Codes
- Safety
- Codes are a living document
  - Change all the time
  - Why?

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## Building Codes are a Treasure Map

**RULEBOOK FOR A GAME  
WITH BRICKS AND BEAMS.**

**NAVIGATING THE  
BUILDING CODES**

**WHERE DO WE LOOK IN  
OREGON?**

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## Building Codes: The Construction Playbook

- Industry Standards: The Specifics
  - OSHA
  - NFPA
  - Accessibility
  - The State of Oregon




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- Historic Buildings
- Food Service and the Health Department
- Location and Zoning Codes
  - Shoreline
  - The Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area
  - Floodplain

Special Cases  
and Exceptions –  
Not all Codes are  
Created Equal

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The Code  
Adventure  
Continues for the  
Permit Technician

- Put it all together
  - City/County Ordinances
  - Zoning Codes
  - Building Codes
  - Industry Standards

NOW WHAT?


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## Part 2 - Objectives for Effective Communication

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- Why is this so crucial in our line of work?
- How to keep things crystal clear and straightforward
- Common Communication Challenges
  - Misunderstandings
  - Information Overload

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**SO YOU'RE TELLING ME**

**90% OF COMMUNICATION IS NON-VERBAL?**

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## The Permit Technician's Role



Our Mission?      Just Ticking Boxes?      Good Communication

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### Humanizing our approach. Open Minds, Better Outcomes



- Active listening
- Keep it clear and concise
- Match your language to your audience
- Something New – Now what?
- Be Nice. (Yes, really.)

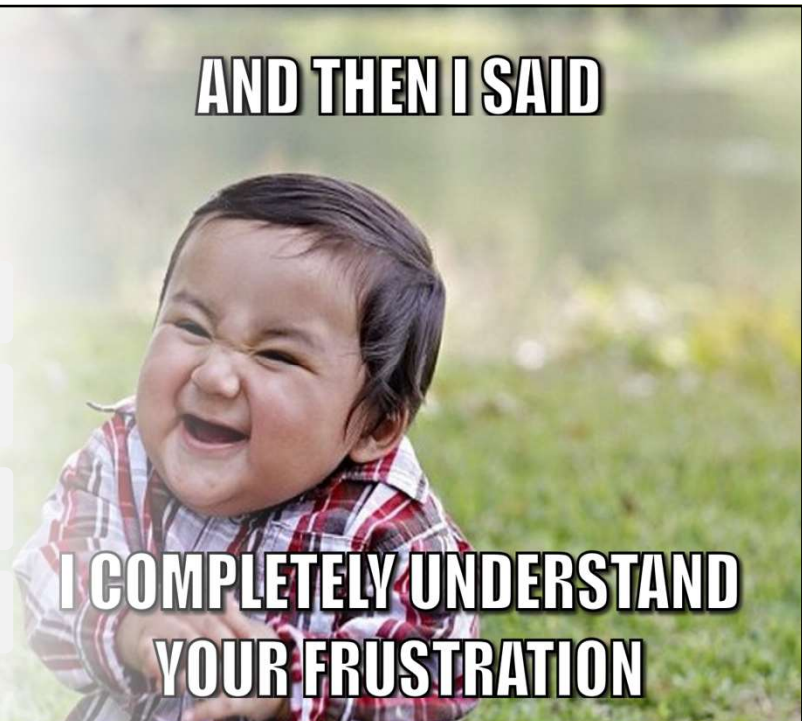
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## Asking the Right Questions with empathy

**AND THEN I SAID**

**I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND YOUR FRUSTRATION**

- Unlocking a Puzzle
- It's not just about asking; it's about inviting questions too
- Curiosity and Collaboration
- Best Path



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## Communication Tools and Resources

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- Visual Aids
  - FAQs, Brochures, Templates
  - Tools that become Bridges
  - What do you use in your Department?
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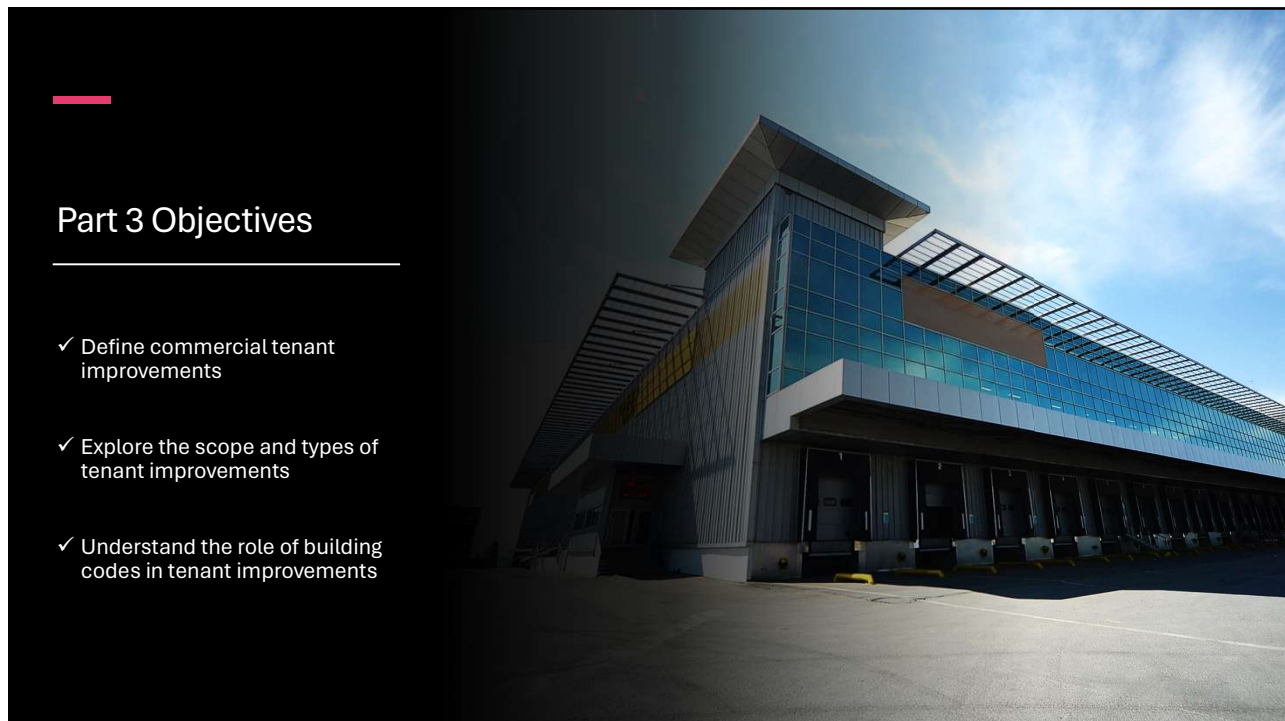
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## Lots of Government to Navigate

- National/FEMA
- State – Building Codes Division
- State – DEQ or Local Sewer
- Local – County and/or City
- Water Departments
- Engineering / Roads

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## Part 3 Objectives

- ✓ Define commercial tenant improvements
- ✓ Explore the scope and types of tenant improvements
- ✓ Understand the role of building codes in tenant improvements

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# What are Commercial Tenant Improvements?



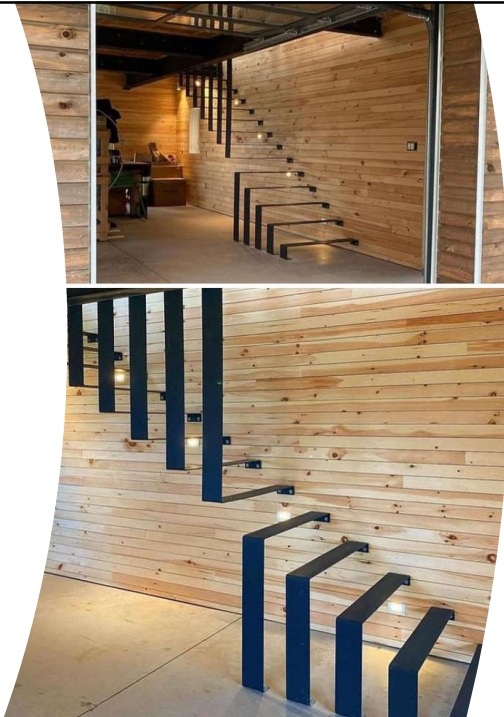
Tenant improvements: They're the changes made to a commercial space by or for a tenant. Think of it as customizing a rental space to fit specific business needs.



This goes beyond basic construction work – it's about tailoring a space to suit a particular use or style.

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## Scope of Tenant Improvements



Categories

- Cosmetic Changes
- Structural Changes

Common Tenant Improvements

- Office Remodel
- Retail Space Customization

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# EXAMPLES OF TIs

Mercantile to Business: most typically seen. TI and change of Use.

Offices (Business) or Store (Mercantile) to Restaurant.

Storage/Warehouse to Business

- Is this Unconditioned or semi-conditioned spaces to conditioned space?

M or B to Daycare (E occupancy)

Often the age of occupants, occupant load (# of people), and quantities of certain types of merchandise can affect the occupancy type.


The current version of Oregon Structural Specialty Code is the 2022 version as adopted by the State of Oregon. You can access this on ICC website for free as a read-only version. Utilize chapter 2 for definitions, and Chapter 3 for Occupancies regularly.

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ORSSC2022P1/chapter-2-definitions>


<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ORSSC2022P1/chapter-3-occupancy-classification-and-use>

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## Building Codes and Tenant Improvements




Overview – how building codes apply



Key Code Considerations

Safety – Accessibility – Structural Integrity



Importance of Compliance


Legal – Safety Reason

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# Need to know:

<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/Documents/interp-14-01-25percentdisproportionate.pdf>

**Statewide Code Interpretation**  
No. 14-01

  
Department of Consumer and Business Services

**Alterations and Application of the 25% Disproportionate Cost Limitation**

In accordance with OAR 918-008-0110, the information contained in this statewide code interpretation is legally binding on any party involved in activities regulated by applicable Oregon law, applicable Oregon regulations or the state building code. If the information contained in this statewide code interpretation is cited as a basis for a civil infraction, a representative of the jurisdiction must cite the interpretation number found in this document.

**Code/edition/section:** 2022 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)—Chapter 11 and Section 3403.6  
**Statutory reference:** Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 447.241  
**Date:** Issued—Nov. 3, 2014  
Last updated—Oct. 1, 2022  
**Subject:** Alterations and Application of the 25% Disproportionate Cost Limitation

**Question:**  
When an alteration is made to an existing building, how much additional work is required to remove architectural barriers?

**Answer:**

- All new work must comply with OSSC Chapter 11, regardless of cost, to the maximum extent feasible.
- Additional work to remove architectural barriers is only required when the existing building, or portion thereof, is an affected building.
- When an alteration project to an affected building affects the usability of an area of primary function, the path of travel to the altered area must be made accessible, unless the additional work is disproportionate to the overall alteration to the primary function area. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 447.241 defines "disproportionate" as when the cost exceeds 25% of the alteration to the area of primary function, and defines "path of travel" as the elements listed and prioritized in ORS 447.241(4).
- For the purposes of the 25% allocation and application of ORS 447.241, additions must follow the same evaluation required for alterations, as indicated in OSSC Section 3403.6.
- A barrier removal plan is approved to state as an alternate method to spending up to 25% of the alteration that affects the usability of the area of primary function.

**Analysis:**

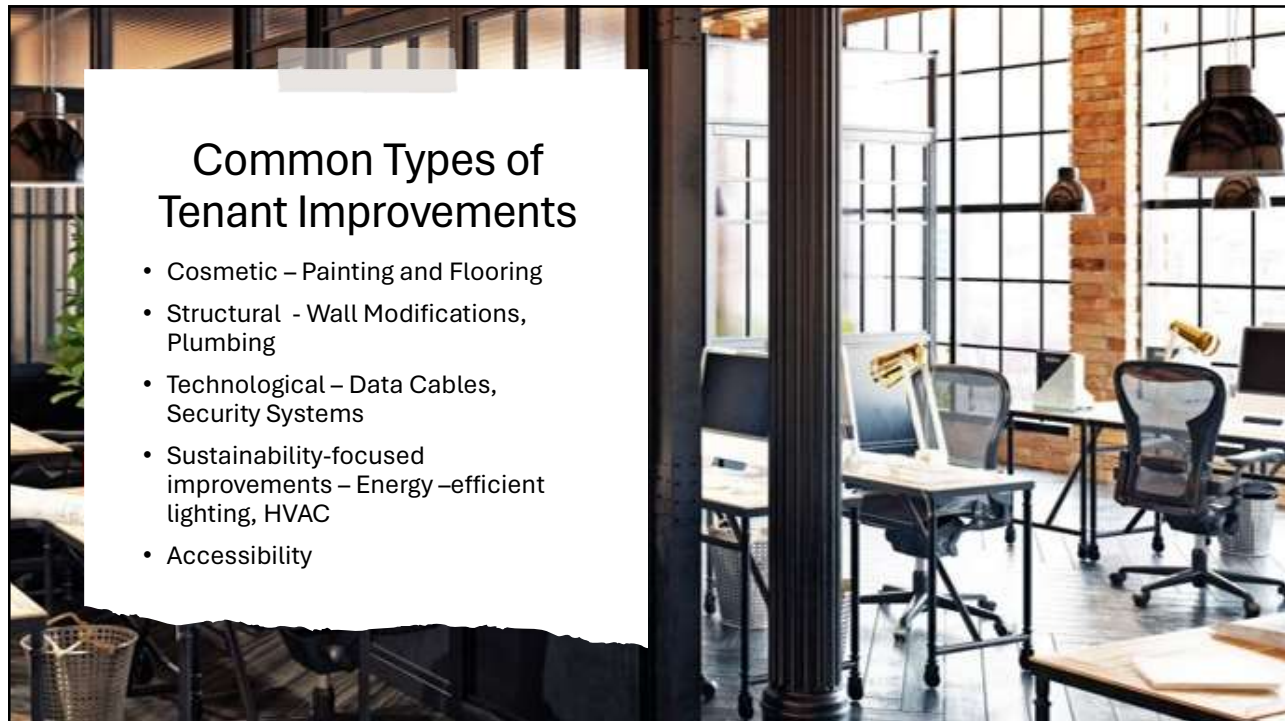
- All new work must comply with OSSC Chapter 11, regardless of cost. For changes to existing buildings, consideration should be given to OSSC Section 3403.6. This section provides essentially identical provisions from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) for alteration projects. The intent is to provide accessibility to the maximum extent feasible.
  - Example 1.1: A new exit is required from an existing building due to a change in occupancy classification. The new exit must be accessible, or have an area of refuge, regardless of cost. However, any existing exits that are not accessible are not required to have an area of refuge.
  - Example 1.2: Additional plumbing fixtures are required in an existing building due to the change in occupancy classification. The new fixtures must be accessible, but any existing fixtures are not required to be upgraded.

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## Common Types of Tenant Improvements

- Cosmetic – Painting and Flooring
- Structural - Wall Modifications, Plumbing
- Technological – Data Cables, Security Systems
- Sustainability-focused improvements – Energy-efficient lighting, HVAC
- Accessibility



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## Challenges in Tenant Improvements

- Common Challenges
- Strategies to overcome these challenges
- How does our department communicate information to contractors, building owners and tenants?
- Do you have an easy-to-navigate website with FAQ's?
- Do you have outreach programs within your community to have training and conversations?
- Handouts, FAQ's, Forms, etc?

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## Part 4 - Understanding Changes of Occupancy

### What Constitutes a *Change of Occupancy*

Defined: Any of the following shall be considered change of occupancy where this code requires greater degree of safety, accessibility, structural strength, fire protection, means of egress, ventilation, or sanitation than the existing in the current building or structure.

1. Any change in the occupancy classification (Ch 3) of a building or structure.
2. Any change in purpose of, or a change in the level of activity within, a building or structure.
3. Any *Change of Use*.
  - Building Code Implications of Occupancy Changes
  - Examples of Occupancy Change Scenarios

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## What Constitutes a Change of Occupancy?



What is considered a change of occupancy



Differentiating between change of use and change of occupancy



The significance of these changes from a building code perspective

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## Examples of Occupancy Changes



Warehouse to Office space (S-1 to B)



Retail to Restaurant (M to A-2 or B)



Restaurant to Retail (A-2 or B to M)

### Challenges...

- Are there adjacent tenant spaces? What are they?
- Are there corridors connecting adjacent tenant spaces?
- Is there a sprinkler system or fire alarm system in place?
- Allowable heights and areas evaluated based on change to occupancy or use.
- What are some of the unique features that could create issues with approval? Mezzanines? Equipment/Mechanical spaces? Accessory structures or areas?

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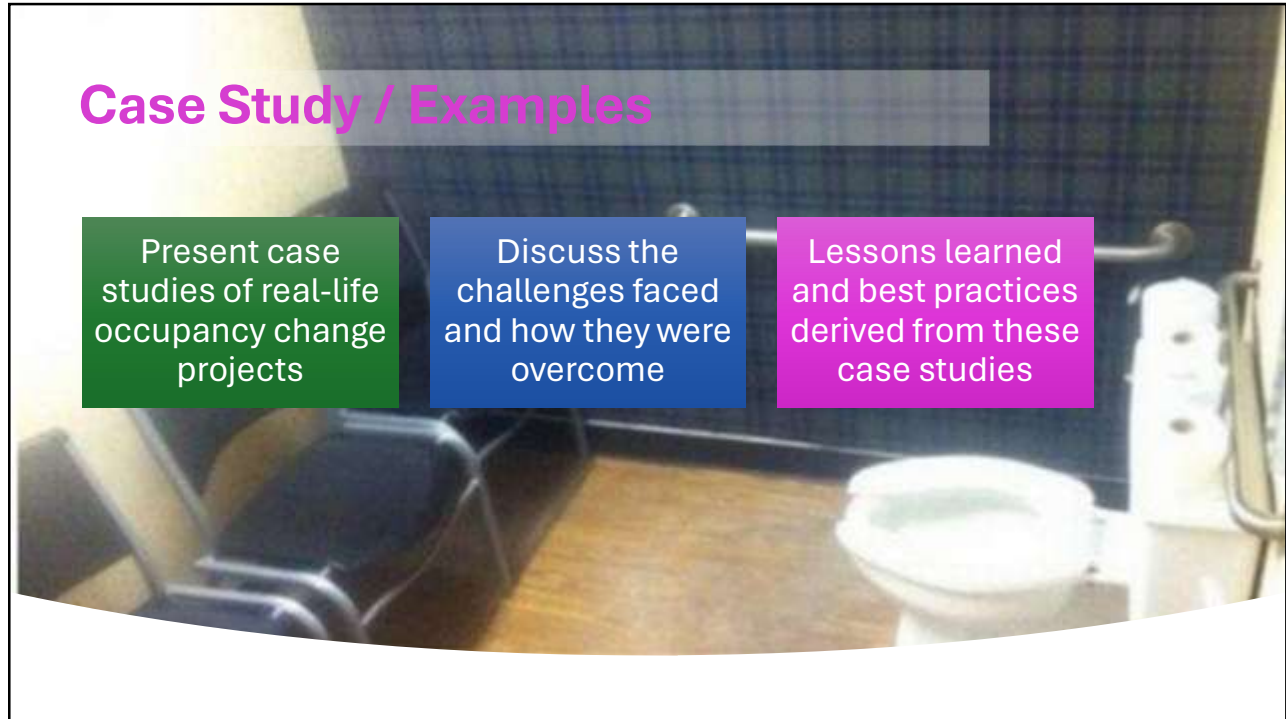


# Case Study / Examples

Present case studies of real-life occupancy change projects

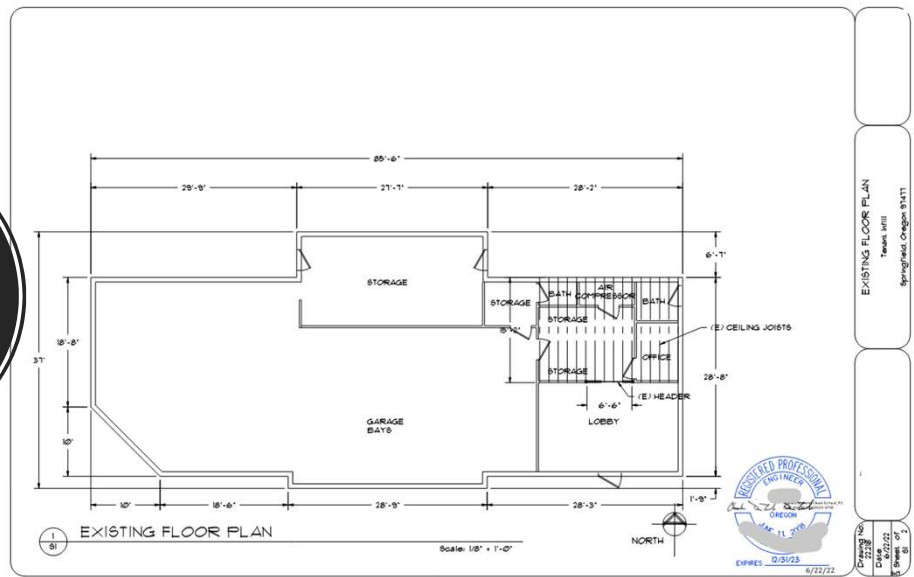
Discuss the challenges faced and how they were overcome

Lessons learned and best practices derived from these case studies



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Same building with pertinent (simple) information that works. Tenant improvement framing items provided by the engineer of record.



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 Project Designer: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Engineering calculations  
 Tenant infill  
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**POINT LOAD ON SLAB**  
 DESCRIPTION: Beams reaction on slab  
 Code References: Calculations per IRC 2018, CBC 2019, ASCE 7-16  
 Analytical Values:  
 d - Slab Thickness = 4.0 in  
 FD - Reqd. Factor of Safety = 3.0 : 1  
 Analysis Formulas:  
 Pa = 1.2 D + 1.6 W + (E<sub>c</sub> / 10,000 + 3) Fr + Min. Adjacent Column Distance = 1.1 \* [(E<sub>c</sub> \* P<sub>u</sub> / 12) \* (1 + u<sup>2</sup>) / (K<sub>u</sub>) \* 1  
 K<sub>u</sub> = Soil modulus of subgrade reaction  
 E<sub>c</sub> = Concrete Elastic Modulus  
 Fr = Concrete flexure strength  
 Fr = Concrete compressive strength  
 u = Poisson's ratio  
 K<sub>u</sub> = Soil modulus of subgrade reaction

**DESIGN CALCULATIONS**  
 Description      Pages  
 Framing analysis      1  
 Foundation analysis      2

**DESIGN CRITERIA**  
 Floor Dead Load = 10 psf  
 Floor Live Load = 20 psf (atc)  
 Soil bearing = 1500 psf (assumed)  
 ASCE 7-16, 2019 OSGC (based on 2018 IRC)

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Please let us know if you have any questions.  
 Respectfully,



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**Multiple Simple Beam**  
 DESCRIPTION: Headers  
 Wood Beam Design: [REDACTED]

**WOOD BEAM DESIGN**  
 Design: Headers  
 Beam Size: 4x12 Sawn, Fully Braced  
 Wood Species: Douglas Fir-Lamb  
 F<sub>b</sub> - Bending = 1,700 psi  
 F<sub>v</sub> - Shear = 100 psi  
 F<sub>c</sub> - Compression = 4,000 psi  
 E - Modulus of Elasticity = 1,800,000 psi  
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 L<sub>c</sub> - Effective Length = 11.0 ft  
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# Engineering Calcs for Alterations to the Tenant Infill



## Case Study Example - Group Interaction

- Group Discussion and go over example case study plans
- Let have a discussion of a warehouse that was built as a shell. Within the shell has 1-hour fire barriers between each of 12 units.
- The warehouse was reviewed to S-1 moderate hazard storage.



## Part 5 – Plan Submission and Review Process



Steps in Plan Submission for Tenant Improvements and Occupancy Changes



Critical Aspects of Plan Review



Common Pitfalls in Plan Submission and How to Avoid Them

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Introduction to the plan submission process



Stages of submission from pre-application to final submission

\* Does Planning have an initiation process or planning process that needs to happen prior to building permit submittal?



Importance of thoroughness in initial submissions

\* When a thorough submittal is turned in, it saves time for the review team as well as the applicant. Time=\$\$

## Overview of the Plan Submission Process

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## Components of a Plan Submission

- Detailed breakdown of what constitutes a complete plan submission (e.g., architectural plans, engineering reports, compliance documents)
- Does the application have noted the Occupancy type and change to new type?
- Does the application have the construction type noted? This will impact finishes, construction materials, fire rating elements, etc.
- Is the structure undergoing any structural changes?
- If over 4000 sf is there an Oregon Licensed Architect and/or Engineer involved? Are the plans stamped/sealed (and final construction plans?) Are there sealed engineering calculations included?
- Is there a Site Plan?
- Is there a scaled and detailed floor plan identifying the uses of each space (before and after)?
- Are there proposed changes to MEP?
- Comchecks may be required for Mechanical and Electrical changes.
- If rooftop hvac units are part of the scope, do they meet the requirements for BCD Interp. 16-01?

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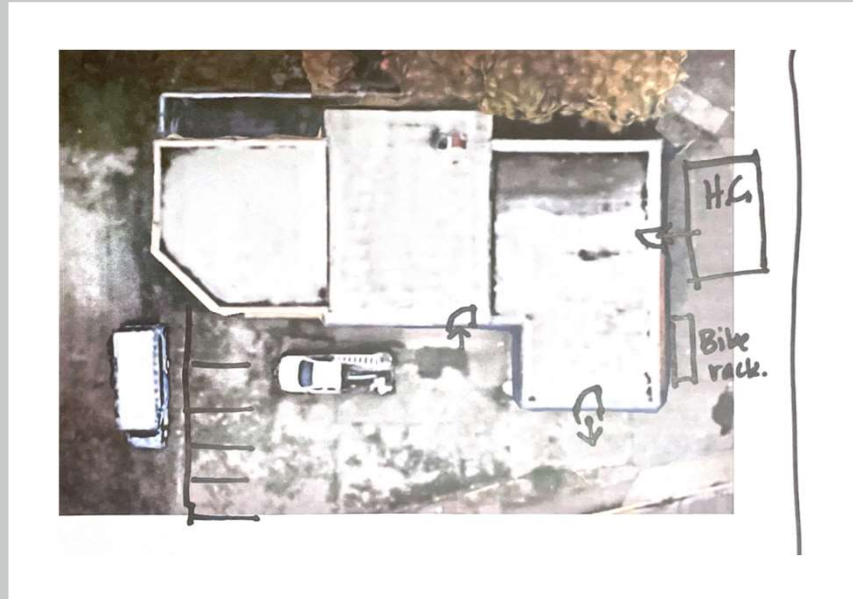


## Common Pitfalls in Plan Submission

- Common errors and omissions in plan submissions
- Tips on how to identify and address these issues early in the process
- Visual examples or case studies of incomplete or incorrect submissions

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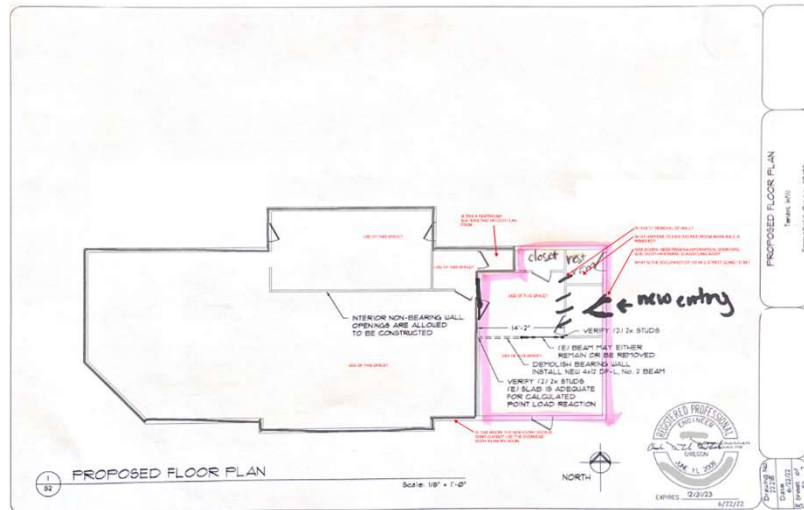
TI same project Site Plan Submitted for the proposed new tenant space.



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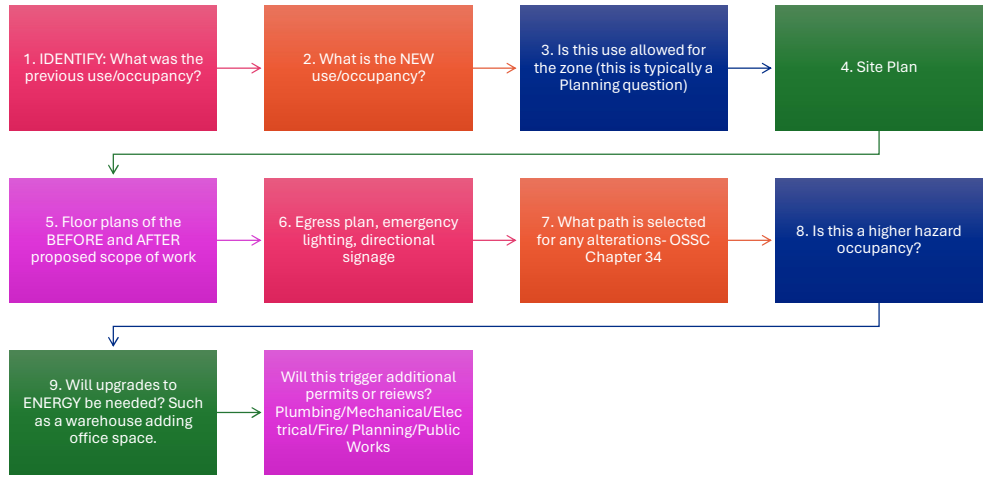
## Tenant Improvement

- This example shows insufficient information.
- See redline notes added for asking questions
- This tenant wants to turn this one space into two occupancies.
- It is unknown the occupancy of the pink highlighted area.
- Known is the whole building is currently used as a rental for watersports- B Occupancy



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# The Review Process: A Step-by-Step Guide



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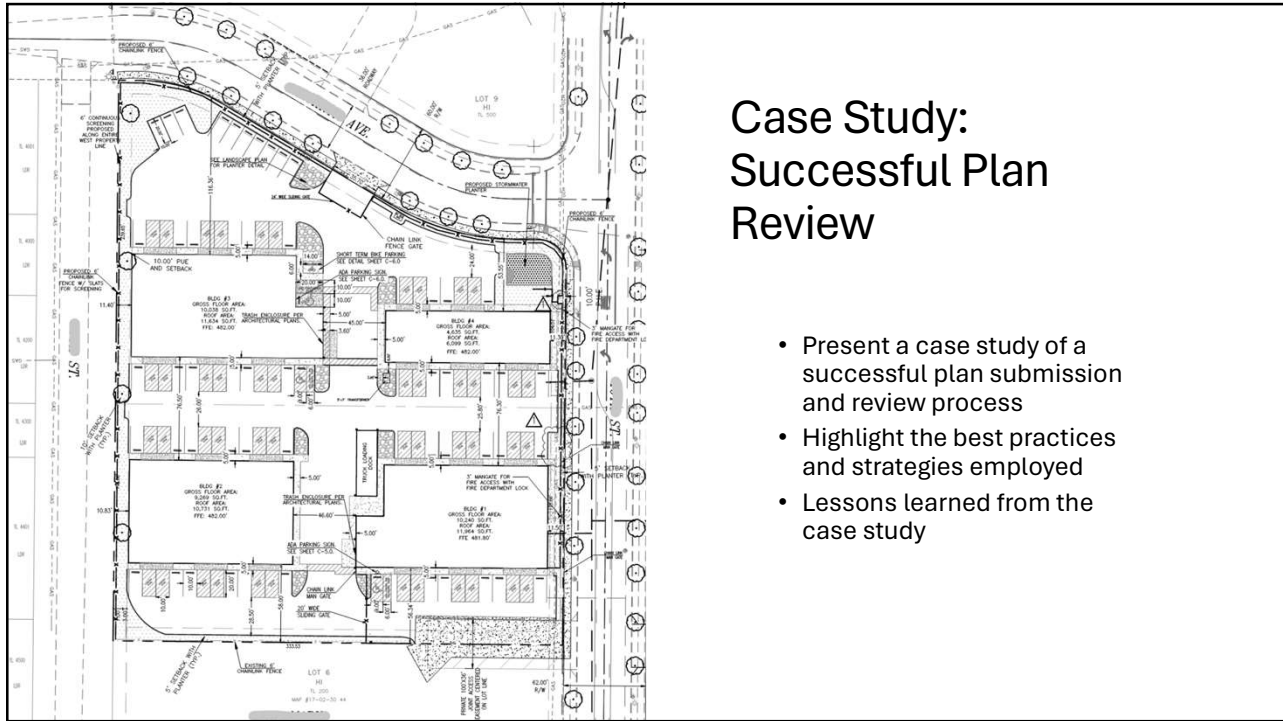
## Permitting Process for Tenant Improvements

- Steps in the permitting process specific to tenant improvements
  - Are all required intake documents been accepted for review?
- Role of permit technicians in reviewing and approving these plans

Each jurisdiction is different: Permit Techs may wear the hat to operate in the realm of Planning, Public Works, Building and Fire. Making sure the basic information noted before is included.

If you understand how spaces are going to be used, ask those questions. Each space within a building needs to be identified. A conference room is considered an assembly space and may trigger 2 exits.

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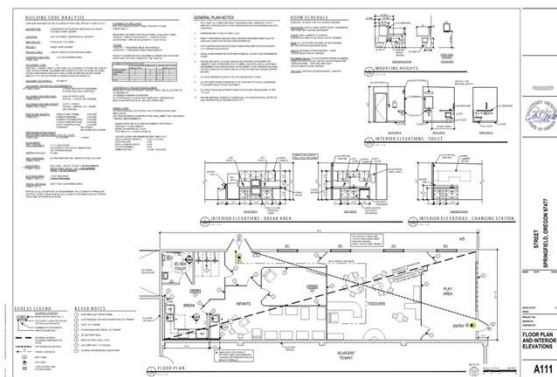
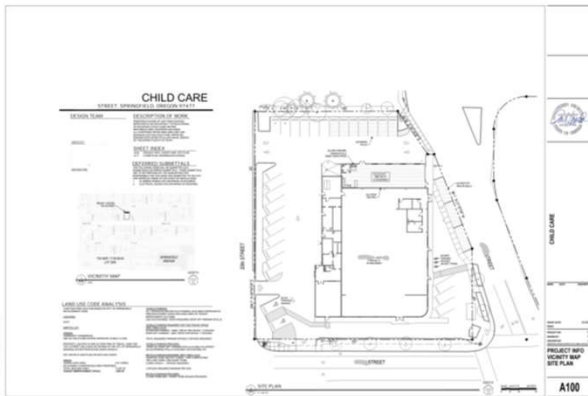
## Case Study: Successful Plan Review

- Present a case study of a successful plan submission and review process
- Highlight the best practices and strategies employed
- Lessons learned from the case study

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## Business to Education: Daycare facility

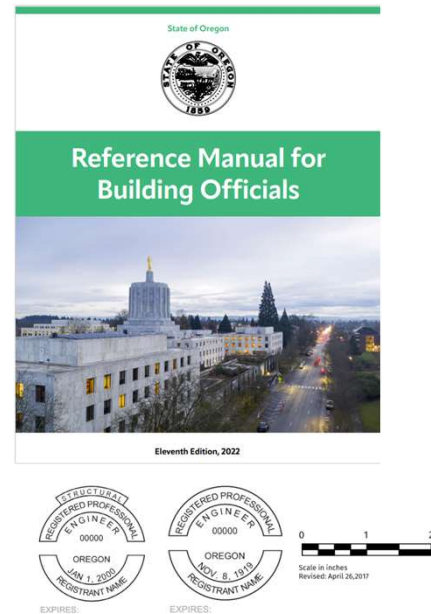
This is an example of a good submittal (partial)  
There is a comprehensive FLS plan, and code summary, thorough site plan and accessibility updates noted.



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## OSBEELS: Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying

- OSBEELS has an online license lookup tool that is very useful. All Engineering for Structural, Professional, Geotechnical, Land Surveying, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Energy & Sound engineers operate under the purview of OSBEELS. <https://online.myosbeels.org>
- All Engineers doing projects within Oregon must have an Oregon Seal
- 2023 Reference Manual for Building Officials
- Includes regulations for Engineers and Architects stamping requirements.
- RDP License lookup tool:
- [Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying : License Lookup : Public Resources : State of Oregon](#)



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## OSBAE : Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners

- All plans made from an Architect must also be stamped with an Oregon stamp.
- Useful link to verify stamp: [ORBAE Public - Public Record Search \(oregon.gov\)](#)



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**Very useful tools at your fingertips**

- **Oregon Permit Technicians Association: WE HAVE A LIBRARY OF RESOURCES!**  
<https://oregonpermittechs.com/Permit-Tech-Library>
- **OREGON Building Codes Division Interpretations**  
<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/pages/code-interps.aspx>
- **International Code Council: Oregon Structural Specialty Code**  
<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ORSSC2022P1/chapter-1-scope-and-administration>
- **OREGON Deign Hub: Verify Design Criteria**  
<https://oregonexplorer.apps.geocortex.com/webviewer/?app=6244abbf93e54b88a13a17b6cb6b9b37>
- **Oregon Building Officials Association**  
<https://www.oregonbuildingofficials.com/>
- **ICC A117.1 Accessibility Standard**  
<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/icca117-12017P4>
- Oregon Transportation Commission 2023 Accessibility Standards**  
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## Part 6 – Advanced Topics

- Navigating Complex Scenarios in Tenant Improvements
- Updates in Building Codes:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/pages/adopted-codes.aspx>
- Fire-Life-Safety plan reviews: OSSC 107.3.5: Additional Fees are also assessed for these reviews IN ADDITION TO the standard STR Plan Review fees and permit fees.

**107.3.5 Fire and life safety plan review, occupancies to be reviewed.**


ORS 479.155(2) requires submission of plans for review and approval of certain occupancies.

Unless exempted by the Building Codes Division through delegation of the fire and life safety plan review program, the owner shall submit to the building codes administrator two copies (or, where required, an additional copy shall be submitted for local government use) of a plan or sketch drawn clearly and to scale showing information as set forth in Section 107.3.5.1 for review and approval prior to beginning construction or alteration. Fire and life safety plan review is required for the following occupancies:

1. Group A occupancies.
2. Group B occupancies over 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>) or more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in height, or with a basement.
3. Group E occupancies.
4. Group F occupancies over 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>) or more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in height, or with a basement.
5. Group H occupancies over 1,500 square feet (139 m<sup>2</sup>) or more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in height, or with a basement.
6. Group I occupancies.
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8. Group R, Division 1, 2 and 4 occupancies over 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>) or more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in height, or with a basement over 1,500 square feet (139 m<sup>2</sup>).
9. Group S, Division 1, 2 and 3 occupancies over 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>) or more than 20 feet (6096 mm) in height, or with a basement.
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## Navigating Complex Scenarios

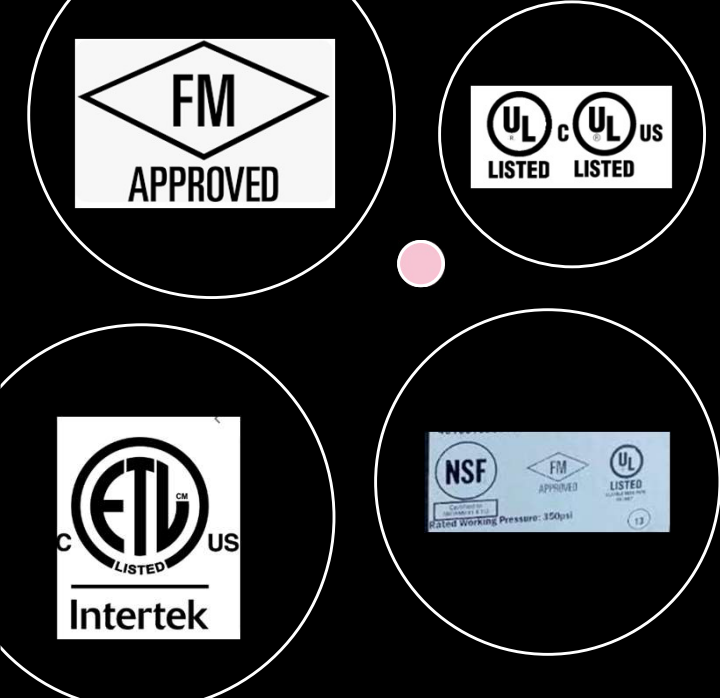


Introduction to complex and less common scenarios in tenant improvements and occupancy changes

Discussing the intricacies and challenges of these scenarios

Strategies for effective handling and decision-making

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### Additional items:

- What is Hazardous material mean?
- What do we look at for Storage occupancies?
- Does an occupancy need to be separated? What does Separated versus non-separated mean?
- Are there changes or updates for accessibility?
- Where are the doors and windows? Why is this important?
- Is there equipment going in? Processing, kitchen, printing, factory type equipment is very often LISTED for their use and conditions to be verifies against OSSC chapter 35 for Standards accepted.

UL= Underwriters Laboratory and are a large independent testing agency that sets the conditions for use. You can find this information on nearly all equipment, even regular household items like lamps, and appliances. Other accepted testing agencies are ETL, Intertek, FM , NSF

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## Case Studies: Complex Projects

- Presentation and analysis of case studies involving complex tenant improvements or occupancy changes
- Group discussion on the approach taken, challenges faced, and lessons learned

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## Technology and Innovation in Building Codes

- Discussion on the role of technology and innovation in building code development and enforcement
- Exploring new tools, software, and methods that are changing the landscape of permit processing and compliance



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## Legal Considerations and Compliance

- Discussion on legal aspects of building code compliance
- Importance of documentation and record-keeping in complex cases
- Navigating the legal implications of non-compliance



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We are the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg in Public Safety

- Police
- Fire
- Building
- Departments

### Portland Fire Responds to Building Collapse and 2nd Alarm Fire Overnight (Photo)

#### Collapse at Oregon State University project trouble for CLT industry

JEFF MANNING | The Oregonian/OregonLive  
Published 2:08 p.m. PT Aug. 13, 2019



#### Buoy Beer building suffers significant damage in building collapse, but no injuries reported

Updated: Jun. 10, 2022, 3:52 p.m. | Published: Jun. 10, 2022, 7:57 a.m.



#### Worker killed at illegal construction site in Brooklyn, Department of Buildings says

NEW YORK - A worker was killed Friday after a collapse at a residential construction site in Brooklyn, and the Department of Buildings says work should have never been going on there.

There were no plans and no permits.

Officials say illegal construction was ongoing

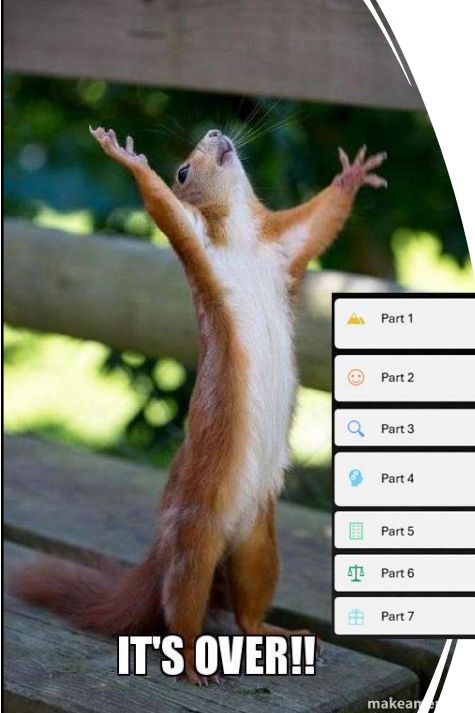
#### INSPECTOR: No permits had been pulled for deck that collapsed injuring six

"I want to express the importance of obtaining building permits for the construction of decks, to ensure that they meet current building codes," Chief Building Inspector Christensen said.










No permits for work that might have sparked deadly fire  
Workers had been using a blowtorch just prior to the fire. The property, purchased in December by former Congressman Chris Jacobs, had a history of code violations.

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## Part 7 – Conclusion

 Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Why are we here today</li> <li>•What is our job &amp; why we rock</li> <li>•The purpose of codes</li> </ul>
 Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Being nice to our customers</li> <li>•Asking the right questions</li> <li>•Techniques to explain things</li> </ul>
 Part 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Explore the types of tenant improvements</li> <li>•Understand the applicable codes</li> </ul>
 Part 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Understanding Changes of Occupancy</li> <li>•What constitutes a change of occupancy</li> </ul>
 Part 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Plan Submission and Review Process</li> <li>•Common Pitfalls</li> </ul>
 Part 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Advanced topics including legal considerations.</li> </ul>
 Part 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Wrapping things up</li> <li>•How its all connected</li> </ul>

- Overview of all 6 Parts of today
- Key Points
- How it is all connected

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## Feedback

- Class Evaluations / Surveys
- Please provide us honest and constructive feedback
- What happens with your feedback

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## Next Steps and Continuing Education

- Now What?
- Keep educating yourself
  - PTN, OBOA, SOC, ICC, BCD, EOBO
- Keep getting educated













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## Thank you!

- OPTA
  - Board of Directors
  - Committees
    - Education
    - Conference Planning
    - Bylaws & Policies
    - Outreach – Membership and Service





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