



Memorandum of Policy

Building Codes

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Subject: Square Footage Calculation for Certificate of Occupancy

Community Development uses several methodologies to determine the area of buildings for specific purposes as required by the adopted codes. The adopted codes do not require the square footage of the building be entered or included in the required information on a Certificate of Occupancy. Therefore, it is the practice of the City of Aspen to not include any building area square footage on the Certificate of Occupancy.

BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE AREA. The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by the exterior walls of the building. This is the number used to determine specific building code provisions.

FIRE AREA. The aggregate floor area closed and bounded by firewalls, fire barriers, exterior walls or horizontal projections. This is the number used to determine specific fire sprinkler and fire alarm building code revisions.

FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR). Calculated as required by the Land Use Code.