

**COUNTY OF NEVADA  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**Labeling of Bedrooms**

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**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that rooms within dwelling units are not misrepresented to avoid septic tank requirements. Section 302.1 of the California Building Code states, "A room or space that is intended to be occupied at different times for different purposes shall comply with all the requirements that are applicable to each of the purposes for which the room or space will be occupied."

**2. Policy**

It is the policy of the Building Department to protect and assist the community during the construction and development of property in an effort to achieve an acceptable living environment for the citizens of the county. It is also our policy to ensure that property is developed and maintained in a safe manner, by promoting excellence in design and building standards. Through wisdom a Building Department is built, and by understanding it is established.

**3. Definition**

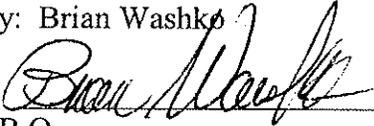
- 3.1 **Structure-** is that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building on any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

- 3.2 **Bedroom** – For the purpose of this policy, any room other than the living room, dining room, or any other that is not adjacent to an exterior door, or kitchen area within a dwelling unit that is greater than 70 square feet that contains a closet shall be considered a bedroom along with any other description of the room. The Building Official shall make the final determination.

#### 4. Plan Review

- 4.1 The Plans Examiner shall ensure that all rooms on plans are clearly labeled and identified as to their use.
- 4.2 A room that meets the definition of a bedroom shall be labeled on the plans as such along with any other names that the applicants assign to the room.
- 4.3 The plans examiner shall ensure that the number of bedrooms are listed with the work description of the permit and if the Plans Examiner re-labels a room to a bedroom, the Plans Examiner will notify Environmental Health of the change of the number of bedrooms.

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