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Community Development Policy and Procedure Statement

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SUBJECT: Definition of Space

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to clarify the definition of what a SPACE is as it pertains to the Building Code and the International Energy Conservation Code there are many times in the IECC that calls out space but there is no definition of space in the 2018 I Codes. So we used definitions from the dictionary which talks about outer space inter planetary. This policy will define what a space is as used in the IECC and will consider a space as air space if it is a communicating air space. This will be used to determine the square footage of a space once we know if it is included.

Policy: This policy is to give guidance on what we consider a space as it pertains to the IECC. For vestibules that open to a space the space will be considered all that directly communicates to that space and has no other exits. Such as offices, bath rooms, break rooms with doors or not they will be considered part of that space since doors can be left open. If the doors are self-closing and latching to these spaces they will not be considered part of the overall space. The Building Official or their designee will have final determination.