CHAPTER 3 USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 302.1.1 IBC Interpretation No. 02-03 2000 Edition Issued: 05-05-03

302.1.1 Incidental use areas. Areas that are incidental to the main occupancy shall be separated and protected in accordance with Table 302.1.1 and shall be classified in accordance with the main occupancy of the portion of the building in which the incidental use area is located.

Exception: Incidental use areas within and serving a dwelling unit are not required to comply with this section.

Q: Can storage space within a building classified other than Group S be classified as mixed use and the building designed to comply with the provisions in Section 302.3 Mixed Occupancies in lieu of the separation requirements for incidental use storage in Table 302.1.1 Incidental Use Areas?

A: Yes. The code does not mandate compliance with Table 302.1.1 Incidental Use Areas if the building is designed as a mixed use. Table 302.1.1 is applicable to incidental use storage areas that are not considered as mixed uses, and the storage areas are separated from the main occupancy as required in Table 302.1.1; however, such storage areas could be classified separately with regards to occupancy use and the building designed to comply with the provisions of Section 302.3 Mixed Occupancies. The building could therefore be designed with either nonseparated (302.3.2) or separated (302.3.3) uses.
