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Occupancy Prohibited Before Approval

Pursuant to section 105.3.3 of the 2015 International Fire Code (adopted in Sec 50-61 of the City of Wichita Falls Code of Ordinances), occupancy before approval is prohibited.

- “A building or structure shall not be occupied prior to the fire code official issuing approval and conducting associated inspections indicating the applicable provisions of the International Fire Code have been met.” (IFC Section 105.3.3)

During construction, renovation or remodel of new and existing buildings, the only items that are allowed in the building are those considered to be “equipment and fixtures” as defined in the International Existing Building Code Section 202.

- “**Equipment or fixtures are considered as any plumbing, heating, electrical, ventilating, air conditioning, refrigerating, and fire protection equipment and elevators, dumb waiters, escalators, boilers, pressure vessels and other mechanical facilities or installations that are related to building services. Equipment shall not include manufacturing, production, or process equipment, but shall include connections from building service to process equipment.**” (International Existing Building Code Section 202)

Furniture or any loose furnishings thereof are considered to be occupying a space and are prohibited as per Section 105.3.3.

- A conditional permit to move furniture items or related furnishings into a building or structure prior to completion of a project and final approval may be considered on a case by case basis with Fire Marshal and Building Official approval (Section 105.3.4).