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<b>Title:</b>	Seismic Requirements	<b>Repeal Date:</b>	
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**PURPOSE:**

N/A

**DEFINITIONS:**

N/A

**SCOPE:**

N/A

**POLICY:**

Council adopted the following policy for seismic upgrading, as it relates to change of use:

For a change of use to an Assembly occupancy, as defined by the *BC Building Code*, having an occupant load of less than 50 persons, seismic upgrading need only be provided for potential nonstructural falling hazards within the suite and its egress route [providing the use is not a liquor primary and the total floor area used for Assembly occupancy does not exceed 93 square metres (1,000 square feet)].

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Council adopted as policy that seismic upgrading is not required when a change of use is between compatible uses or where it is demonstrated that the change of use is to a use with a lower occupant load and hazard, as per Table 'A'

Current Use	Description	Proposed Use	Requirement for Seismic Upgrading
Assembly Group 1 – 4(A)	Gathering of people for civic, religious, social, educational, recreational or like purposes or for food/drink consumption	B, C, F1	Yes
Assembly Group 1 – 4(A)		D, E, F2/3	No
Institutional Group 1-3(B)	Care or detention facilities	A, F1	Yes
Institutional Group 1-3(B)		C, E, E, F2/3	No
Residential (C)	Housing/sleeping accommodation	A, B, F1	Yes
Residential (C)		D, E, F2/3	No

Office (D)	Business use and professional/personal services	A, B, C, F1	Yes
Office (D)		E, F2/3	No
Retail (E)	Display/selling retail goods	A, B, C, F1	Yes
Retail (E)		D, F2/3	No
Industrial (F1)	Assembling, manufacturing, repairing or storing goods	A, B, C, D, E	Yes
Industrial (F1)		F2/F3	No
Industrial (F2/3)		A, B, C, D, E	Yes
Industrial (F2/3)		F1	No

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The National Research Council standard for upgrade and changes of use of existing buildings adopted by Council as follows:

“A standard of a minimum 60 percent of seismic requirements to be met (this regulation comes out of a detailed standard established in 1992 by the National Research Council (NRC) based in Ottawa).”

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**PROCESS:**

N/A

**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

N/A

**REPEAL/AMENDS:**

N/A