

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-2-99

February 1, 1999

This communication is offered in response to your letter to me dated December 29, 1998 in which you request official interpretations of the 1994 State Building Code (hereinafter referred to by me as the code) in response to the questions which follow:

Question 1 a: "Which of the adjectival forms of the word "public" supports the conclusion that the word "public" includes the occupants of a one or two family residential structure?"

Answer I a: You are asking for an interpretation of a quote you re-stated out of Webster's Dictionary. The State Building Code is the only document I am authorized to interpret.

Question I b: "Do laws concerning "public health and general safety" apply to structures used primarily or exclusively for storage by an individual?"

Answer I b: In order to answer this question, you must supply me with a specific code section for which you want an interpretation.

Question II a: "Is a building permit application a contract?"

Question II b: "If not, what kind of legal document is a building permit application?" (s.i.c.)

Question II c: "Does the suggestion to seek outside legal advice mean to seek exclusively privately contracted legal counsel?"

Question II d: If not, what public counsel can provide the legal advice sought?

Answers II a, b, c & d: These questions seek advice outside the scope of the code which I am not authorized to provide.