



Policy for Low-Frequency Sounders in Sleeping Areas

Plano Fire - Rescue

As of the 2019 NFPA 72 and older, Plano Fire – Rescue does not consider “living rooms” as sleeping areas for the low frequency requirements of 2019 NFPA 72 18.4.6 (or equal in older codes).

This based on the following code sections:

- 2019 NFPA 72 Definitions: 3.3.152 Living Area. Any normally occupiable space in a residential occupancy, other than sleeping rooms or rooms that are intended for combination sleeping/living, bathrooms, toilet compartments, kitchens, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas. [101, 2018] (SIG-HOU)
- 2018 International Code Definitions: SLEEPING UNIT. A single unit providing rooms or spaces for one or more persons that includes permanent provisions for sleeping and can include provisions for living, eating and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a dwelling unit are not sleeping units.

The Low Frequency sound in accordance with 2019 NFPA 72 18.4.6 (or equal) is required in sleeping rooms or combination sleeping/living rooms that include permanent provisions for sleeping.

Feel free to contact our office at 972-941-7159 if you have any additional questions.

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