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Hi Bill,

Thank you for your written input dated 12/14/2022 regarding the 2022 Building Code Updates. I have attached your memo for reference to this correspondence. This email is a follow up from our phone conversation earlier today and provides some specific information discussed and itemized for each of your 3 comments as follows:

1. Structures greater than 120 square feet are required to have a permit according to the Building code. In order to be exempt from permits, a 120 s.f. "shed" cannot be allowed to have finishes, electrical or lighting for safety reasons. If electrical, lighting and wall surfaces are desired, they can apply for a permit.
2. The method in which calculations to determine the area affected in a remodel are standardized for the majority of the departments in Marin and Sonoma Counties. We are currently working on finalizing a policy that provides additional information for architect, designers, contractors and our community. The definition is written this way to standardize as much as possible with other definitions from the codes, related standards and other industry practices.

3. Illuminated numbers are crucial for fire department responses to emergencies. This is actually even more important for historical neighborhoods where houses tend to be set back more so than newer developments. In an emergency, finding the location of an incident immediately upon arrival can mean the difference between life and death, or a complete structure loss. Please note that “illuminated” does not mean internally illuminated. A downcast exterior light could illuminate a house number.

I greatly appreciate the time you have taken to provide input. As we discussed, I also look forward to working together to develop additional clarifications as needed through administrative policies or procedures.

Thank you for providing your input prior to tonight’s meeting.

Kind regards,