

**SUBJECT:**                **Group S Flooring Requirements**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**    October 25, 2010

**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:**    ADM – 1.0406.2.6 (Formerly 1.0311.2)

**SEE ALSO:**                2006 IBC – Section 406.2.6

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### **INTERPRETATION SUMMARY**

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Section 406.2.6 states: “**Floor surface.** Parking surfaces shall be of concrete or similar noncombustible and nonabsorbent materials.

**Exception:** Asphalt parking surfaces are permitted at ground level.

This requirement applies to wherever vehicles are parked within any S-1 occupancy. It is the interpretation of this Department that the requirement applies to whatever areas that a vehicle *could* be parked. It is unreasonable for us to assume that all present and future owners or tenants of a building would be cognizant of the building code requirements that they would not be allowed to park vehicles inside of a building if it did not have a floor approved for that use. Therefore, due to the potential fire hazard posed by this use, if an S-1 occupancy area is provided with vehicular access by open sides or by overhead or sliding doors large enough to accommodate motor vehicles, a floor meeting the requirements of section 406.2.6 will be required.