

How we Measure your Home to Determine Occupancy:

How we Measure:

Washoe County Building Inspectors measure your home with a laser. They will round-up to the nearest full inch.

Example: If your space is 14 feet and 1 ¼ inches, our inspectors will notate 14 feet, 2 inches.

What is Habitable Space?

Only habitable space counts towards your square footage.

Habitable Space: Kitchen, Bedrooms, Living Room, Office, Den

NON-Habitable Space: Closets, Hallways, Garages, Utility Rooms

How is Habitable Space calculated?

The square footage of your habitable space is divided by 200 to calculate your **allowable occupancy**.

The habitable square footage determines your maximum legal occupancy, which will be posted on your permit card and cannot be changed until the Ordinance is changed.

The County plans to propose a less stringent calculation when we go before the Board of County Commissioners in November. If the Ordinance is changed, we will retroactively update your permit occupancy.

We appreciate your patience!