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**1.0 GENERAL:**

- 1.1 Structural design shall comply with the latest editions of the following:
  - A. Reinforced concrete design - ACI Standard 318 "Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete", American Concrete Institute, Latest Edition.
  - B. Structural steel design - "Specification for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings", American Institute of Steel Construction, AISC, Latest Edition.
  - C. Unless otherwise noted above - "International Building Code", IBC, Latest Edition.
  - D. Significant variations from the above in local building codes shall be brought to the attention of the Director, Area Project Office, for approved substitution prior to their use in the structural design.
- 1.2 Where applicable, verify the load-bearing capability of the existing structural elements to support the new design loads.
- 1.3 Where alterations are made to the structural elements in existing buildings, these elements individually and the buildings as units, must maintain adequate strength to safely resist both gravity and lateral loads. Any resulting deficiencies must be reinforced accordingly.
- 1.4 Follow the Fire Protection Design Manual for fireproofing requirements of structural elements.

**2.0 STRUCTURAL DESIGN LOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

- 2.1 Minimum uniform basic design live loads shall conform to IBC, Latest Edition requirements, except as shown in Table 1.
- 2.2 Allowance of 20 psf shall be made for partitions on floors where specified live load is less than 100 psf, in addition to all other loads. Where live loads are 100 psf and greater, specific partition locations may be used for design; however, appropriate notes must be made on the drawings.
- 2.3 Provision shall be made in designing floors for a concentrated load of 2000 lb, placed upon any space 2.5 ft square, wherever this load upon an otherwise unloaded floor would produce stresses greater than those caused by the uniform load.
- 2.4 In order to provide a flexible design allowing certain range of occupancy changes in the future, generalized live load categories should be applied to large areas preferably one category to any one floor.
- 2.5 Roof live loads shall be based on geographical location and local governing building code requirements; however, they shall not be less than 20 psf.

**3.0 TABLE 1 - MINIMUM UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LIVE LOADS \***

<u>OCCUPANCY OR USE</u>	<u>LIVE LOADS</u> (psf)
All Future Floors (Unless Otherwise Noted)	100
Corridors	100
Libraries & Light Storage	125
Lobbies	100
Mechanical Rooms	150
Office Areas	80
File and Computer Rooms	125

**Footnote:**

- \* Design Live Loads shall be noted on the drawings in general notes and on plans to indicate specific areas designed for different loads. Column design loads shall be noted in column schedules.

**4.0 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES:**

Use appropriate current topics for design of building structures.

**5.0 APPLICABLE STRUCTURAL MASTER SPECIFICATIONS INDEX:**

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