

Under the LAMC:

An “**operational permit**” is required for sober living facilities housing more than six clients:

LAMC **SEC. 57.105.6.29. RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY.**

“An Operational Permit is required to engage in the business of a residential care facility. This occupancy shall include buildings, structures or parts thereof housing more than six clients, on a 24-hour basis, who because of age, mental disability or other reasons, live in a supervised residential environment that provides personal care services. This category may contain clients that are ambulatory, non- ambulatory and/or bedridden. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facilities”

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Operational Permits require a **sign-off by Fire Dept.** as to safety, etc.

See LAMC **SEC. 57.105.3.9. OPERATIONAL PERMITS.**

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LAFD review of the facility includes (or should include) an inspection as to no. of beds/persons in bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. (occupancy tied to safety).