

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 3 USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

### SECTION 312 UTILITY AND MISCELLANEOUS GROUP U

#### 312.1 General.

Buildings and structures of an accessory character and miscellaneous structures not classified in any specific occupancy shall be constructed, equipped and maintained to conform to the requirements of this code commensurate with the fire and life hazard incidental to their occupancy. Group U shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

*Agricultural buildings*

Aircraft hangars, accessory to a one- or two-family residence (see [Section 412.4](#))

Barns

Carports

Communication equipment structures with a *gross floor area* of less than 1,500 square feet (139 m<sup>2</sup>)

Fences more than **7 feet (2134 mm)** in height

Grain silos, accessory to a residential occupancy

Livestock shelters

[Marinas](#)

*Private garages*

Retaining walls

Sheds

Stables

Tanks

Towers

#### 312.1.1 Greenhouses.

*Greenhouses* not classified as another occupancy shall be classified as Use Group U.

#### 312.2 Private garages and carports.

*Private garages* and carports shall comply with [Section 406.3](#).

#### 312.3 Residential aircraft hangars.

Aircraft hangars accessory to a one- or two-family residence shall comply with [Section 412.4](#).