

1305.2902 SECTION 2902, MINIMUM PLUMBING FACILITIES.

Subpart 1. **Section 2902.1.** IBC Section 2902.1 is amended to read as follows:

2902.1 Minimum number of fixtures. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 2902.1. Types of occupancies not shown in Table 2902.1 shall be considered individually by the building official. The number of occupants shall be determined by this code. Occupancy classification shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 3.

Exception: When approved by the building official, buildings or structures that are normally unoccupied, such as picnic shelters, amphitheaters, small transit stop stations, cold-storage buildings, utility sheds, warming houses, kiosks, concession stands and similar structures, need not be provided with restroom facilities.

Subp. 1a. **Section 2902.1.1.** IBC Section 2902.1.1 is amended to read as follows:

2902.1.1 Unisex toilet and bath fixtures. Fixtures located within unisex toilet bathing rooms complying with Minnesota Rules, chapter 1341, are permitted to be included in determining the minimum required number of fixtures.

Subp. 2. **Table 2902.1.**

A. The body of IBC Table 2902.1 is amended as follows:

1. Add footnote "e" to the A-5 Use Group "Stadiums, amusement parks, bleachers, and grandstands for outdoor sporting events and activities" description of the table.
2. Add footnotes "f," "g," and "h" to the "Drinking Fountains" heading in the table.
3. Add footnote "i" to the "Water Closets" heading in the table.

B. The footnotes to IBC Table 2902.1 are amended, and footnotes added, to read as follows:

a. The fixtures shown are based on one fixture being the minimum required for the number of persons indicated or any fraction of the number of persons indicated. The number of occupants shall be determined by this code.

b. Toilet facilities for employees shall be separate from facilities for inmates or patients.

c. A single-occupant toilet room with one water closet and one lavatory serving not more than two adjacent patient rooms shall be permitted where such room is provided with direct access from each patient room and with provisions for privacy.

d. The occupant load for seasonal outdoor seating and entertainment areas shall be included when determining the minimum number of facilities required.

e. Permanent facilities located either on site or available in an adjacent building or portable temporary facilities available on site during times when the stadium or grandstand is in use may be used.

f. A drinking fountain shall not be required in buildings or tenant spaces having an occupant load less than 50.

g. Where water is served in restaurants, drinking fountains shall not be required.

h. Water or other beverages available through free or fee-based serving or dispensers may be substituted for up to 50 percent of the required number of drinking fountains.

i. In each bathroom or toilet room, urinals shall not be substituted for more than 67 percent of the required water closets.

Subp. 3. **Section 2902.2.** IBC Section 2902.2 is amended to read as follows:

2902.2 Separate facilities. Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.

Exceptions:

1. Separate facilities shall not be required for dwelling units and sleeping units.

2. Separate facilities shall not be required in structures or tenant spaces with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers, of 15 or less.

3. Separate facilities shall not be required in mercantile occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 50 or less.

4. Separate facilities shall not be required in Group B occupancies not exceeding 2,000 gross square feet (185.8 m²) of floor area. When using this exception, the individual unisex restroom shall have not less than one watercloset, one urinal, and one lavatory.

Subp. 4. **Section 2902.** IBC Section 2902 is amended by adding a subsection to read as follows:

2902.6 Controlled access to required facilities. Sanitation facilities required by this chapter may have controlled access, but in all cases shall be maintained available for utilization by those employees, customers, or patrons used to calculate the minimum required facilities.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 16B.37; 16B.59 to 16B.76; 326B.101 to 326B.194*

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