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MULTIUSER ALL-GENDER RESTROOM FACILITIES

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BACKGROUND

The currently adopted 2019 California Plumbing Code (CPC), based on the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code, does not address requirements related to multiuser all-gender restroom facilities. Many business owners and designers have a desire to create facilities that are inclusive to people of all genders. The 2021 IPC provides guidance on the design of these facilities as listed below:

IPC Section 403.1.1 Exception 2: Where multiple-user facilities are designed to serve all genders, the minimum fixture count shall be calculated 100 percent, based on total occupant load. In such multiple-user facilities ... each urinal that is provided shall be located in a stall.

IPC Section 403.2 Exception 6: Separate facilities shall not be required where rooms having both water closets and lavatory fixtures are designed for use by all genders and privacy for water closets is provided in accordance with Section 405.3.4. Urinals shall be in an area visually separated from the remainder of the facility or each urinal that is provided shall be located in a stall.

IPC Section 405.3.4: Each water closet utilized by the public or employees shall occupy a separate compartment with walls or partitions and a door enclosing the fixtures to ensure privacy.

FINDINGS

Multiuser all-gender restroom facilities may be permitted provided the following requirements are met:

1. The required fixture count shall be based on CPC Table 422.1 at 100% the total occupant load.
2. Each water closet and urinal shall occupy a separate compartment with full height walls and a full height door enclosing the fixture to ensure privacy.
3. The full height door shall be lockable from the inside by the compartment occupant. The door shall include a full door jamb providing support and seal for the door.
4. Signs identifying the specific type of fixture shall be posted on the compartment door.
5. Each compartment must be provided with separate lighting, exhaust and makeup air.
6. The opening into the main multiuser all-gender restroom facility shall not have a door.
7. Multiuser all-gender showers, shower rooms, and/or locker rooms shall be prohibited.

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