

Memorandum

To: Maureen Guttman, Chair
Pennsylvania U.C.C. Review and Advisory Council

Date: 3/26/18

From: John E. Kampmeyer, Subcommittee Chair
International Plumbing Code

Re: Subcommittee Recommendation

Madam Chair,

As Chair of the International Plumbing Code review subcommittee, I respectfully pass along the subcommittee's recommendation as follows.

There was only one proposed change to the IPC to adopt Section the following exception to Section 403.2:

4. Separate facilities shall not be required in business occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 25 or fewer.

The justification is as follows:

This change reflects how small facilities often operate, whereby the separation in restrooms is not based on gender but on employees and customers. This would include facilities where employees may be dirty (auto repair garage), where customers may be sick (doctor's offices), and where security or safety dictates a separation (police station). This will also better accommodate facilities that do have a gender imbalance (most doctor's offices are staffed primarily by women).

One should note that this revision has already been incorporated in IPC 2018.

The subcommittee reviewed the proposal and concluded the following:

A business occupancy with an occupant load of 25 people would require a separate facility for each sex at this time even though the table only requires one per the first 25 people. Exception 2 is for an occupant load of 15 or fewer people where only one facility would be required for both sexes. It was the decision of the majority of the members not to adopt this change.

We recommend that this proposal be rejected. The issue can be considered during the 2018 code review.

Respectfully submitted,

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