



BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

411 Main Street - 2nd Floor BUILDING ENGINEERING
P.O. Box 3420 (530) 879-6700 (530) 879-6900
Chico, CA 95927 Fax (530) 895-4726 Fax (530) 895-4899
<http://www.ci.chico.ca.us>

October 1, 2008

Minimum Plumbing Facilities Policy

This policy, regarding determination of required plumbing facilities, shall apply to new buildings, additions to existing buildings, change in occupancy, or renovation of an existing building resulting in an increased occupant load:

- Use CBC Chapter 29, Table 2902.1 and Table 1004.1.1 to determine the minimum number of water closets, urinals, and lavatories in a restroom. (The occupant load used for the exiting analysis is the same occupant load used for fixture counts).
- The number of urinals is not prescribed in the CBC. 2006 International Plumbing Code Section 419 is acceptable.
 - Urinals may be substituted for up to 67% of the required water closets in assembly and educational occupancies.
 - Urinals may be substituted for up to 50% of the required water closets in all other occupancies.
- Separate toilet facilities shall be provided for each sex in compliance with CPC Section 412.3.
 - Exceptions:
 - Residential occupancies.
 - In occupancies serving ten (10) or fewer people.
 - In B and M occupancies with a total floor area of fifteen hundred (1,500) square feet or less shall satisfy the requirements for serving customers and employees of both sexes.

Note #1: The exceptions and footnotes in the CBC and CPC may be used to calculate the required number of drinking fountains.

Note #2: IBC Section 2902.2 Ex. 3 may be requested as an alternative method.