



STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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1. State Building Code to be Amended:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Building Code | <input type="checkbox"/> International Mechanical Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code | <input type="checkbox"/> International Fuel Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Existing Building Code | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Residential Code | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Fire Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Urban Interface Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Plumbing Code | |

For the Washington State Energy Code, please see specialized [energy code forms](#)

Section(s):

Washington State Code 1109.2, and Sections of Chapter 29

Title:

All-Gender

2. Proponent Name (Specific local government, organization or individual):

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4. Proposed Code Amendment.

Code(s) IBC Section(s) 1109.2, and Sections of Chapter 29
Amend language as follows:

1110.2 Toilet and bathing facilities. Each toilet room and bathing room shall be accessible. Where a floor level is not required to be connected by an accessible route, the only toilet rooms or bathing rooms provided within the facility shall not be located on the inaccessible floor. Except as provided for in Sections 1110.2.4 and 1110.2.5, at least one of each type of fixture, element, control or dispenser in each accessible toilet room and bathing room shall be accessible.

Exceptions:

1. Toilet rooms or bathing rooms accessed only through a private office, not for common or public use and intended for use by a single occupant, shall be permitted to comply with the specific exceptions in ICC A117.1.
2. This section is not applicable to toilet and bathing rooms that serve dwelling units or sleeping units that are not required to be accessible by Section 1108.
3. Where multiple single-user toilet rooms or bathing rooms are clustered at a single location, at least 50 percent but not less than one room for each use at each cluster shall be accessible. Where rooms are designated as ~~gender-neutral~~, all-gender, the total number of accessible toilet or bathing rooms shall not be less than the sum of required accessible separate male plus female rooms.

2902.1.1.2 Urinals in men's facilities. Where urinals are provided in men's facilities, one water closet less than the number specified may be provided for each urinal installed, except the number of water closets in such cases shall not be reduced to less than 25 percent of the minimum specified. For men's facilities serving 26 or more persons, not less than one urinal shall be provided.

2902.1.1.3 Urinals in ~~gender-neutral~~ all-gender facilities. Where urinals are provided in ~~gender-neutral~~ all-gender facilities, one water closet less than the number specified may be provided for each urinal installed, except the number of water closets in such cases shall not be reduced to less than 25 percent of the minimum specified. For facilities serving 26 or more persons, not less than one urinal shall be provided.

Public Comment Highlighted:

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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 employ-ees and customers, of 15 or fewer.
3. Separate facilities shall not be required in mercantile occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 100 or fewer.

4. Separate facilities shall not be required in business occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 30 or fewer.
5. Separate facilities shall not be required when ~~gender-neutral~~ all-gender facilities are provided in accordance with Section 2902.2.2.

2902.2.2 ~~Gender-neutral facilities.~~ All-gender facilities. ~~Gender-neutral~~ all-gender toilet facilities, when provided, shall be in accordance with the following:

1. There is no reduction in the number of fixtures required to be provided for male and female in the type of occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 2902.1.
2. ~~Gender-neutral~~ All-gender multiuser toilet rooms shall have water closets and urinals located in toilet compartments in accordance with ICC A117.1.
3. ~~Gender-neutral~~ All-gender multiuser toilet room water closet and urinal compartments shall have full-height walls and a door enclosing the fixture to ensure privacy.
4. ~~Gender-neutral~~ All-gender toilet room water closet and urinal compartment doors shall be securable from within the compartment.
5. ~~Gender-neutral~~ All-gender toilet rooms provided for the use of multiple occupants, the egress door from the room shall not be lock- able from the inside of the room.
6. Compartments shall not be required in a single-occupant toilet room with a lockable door.

2902.4 Signage. Required public facilities shall be provided with signs that designate the sex for separate facilities or indicate ~~gender-neutral~~ all-gender facilities. Signs shall be readily visible and located near the entrance to each toilet facility. Signs for accessible toilet facilities shall comply with Section 1111.

Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.

Change to correct terminology.

5. Specify what criteria this proposal meets. You may select more than one.

- The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.
- The amendment clarifies the intent or application of the code.
- The amendment is needed to address a specific state policy or statute.
- The amendment is needed for consistency with state or federal regulations.
- The amendment is needed to address a unique character of the state.
- The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

6. Is there an economic impact: Yes No

Explain:

No cost increase or decrease.

Group A Public Comment Testimony 2022/03/11

This public comment is intended to align the code language in IBC Chapter 29 as it relates to urinals.

WAC 51-50-2900 covering chapter 29 of the IBC does not have a requirement to provide any urinals as past and current State amendments remove those portions of Table 2902.1.

This public comment proposes the same technical change for urinals in men's facilities in section 2902.1.1.2 and for urinals in all-gender facilities in section 2902.1.1.3.

Our state code amends Chapter 29 with our own language for a urinal substitution. We allow a 1 to 1 substitution of a urinal for a water closet. Urinal substitution is permitted for up to 75% of the required water closets. The last sentence, which is where the inconsistency of Ch. 29 occurs, makes urinal substitution a requirement when you have 26 or more occupants. We are asking SBCC to approve our public comment which strikes the last sentence in this code proposal and allows urinal substitution to remain an option as indicated by current State amendments, and not make providing urinals a requirement.