

Regional District Of Central Okanagan

Policy And Procedures Manual

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6.7 B.C. Building Code – Section 3.6 Health Requirements

Section 3.6 – Health Requirement of the current edition of the B.C. Building Code underwent several changes from the previous code in regard to the ratio for the number of persons to water closets for different occupancies.

The changes for Group A Division 3 – Assembly Use Occupancies have had a large impact on the smaller tenancies. The changes created numerous hardships for building landlords and for prospective tenants. In the smaller A-2 occupancies where the occupant load does not exceed 50 persons, the requirements for one male water closet and two female water closets (Table 3.6.4.a.) appears unrealistic in terms of the floor area required for the washrooms and for the anticipated patron usage.

In light of the hardship this requirement has caused and after consultation with the Building Standards Branch, we believe the number of water closets required for an establishment with a maximum of 50 occupancies (25 male/25 female) will be fulfilled by having one water closet for males and one water closet for females.

“This approach will only apply to an A-2 Assembly Use Occupancy with a maximum occupant load of 50 persons.”