

DIRECTOR'S RULING

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Washroom Requirements for Low Occupant Loads and Small Mercantile Occupancies Sentence 7.2.2.1.(2)

DISCUSSION

Sentence 7.2.2.1.(2) of the Alberta Building Code 1990 states:

"(2) If the *occupant load* in an *occupancy* does not exceed 10 persons, or the total area in a Group E *occupancy* does not exceed 100 m², then both sexes may be served by one water closet."

Building Codes have historically recognised the nature of the business of small shops and stores (Group E occupancies) is a quick service/short stay trade. This type of occupant load does not require the washroom per person ratio as does other occupancies with the same occupant load. To acknowledge this the following RULING is made.

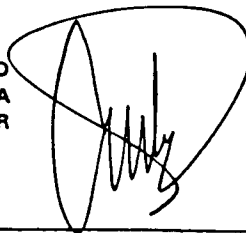
RULING

If the total area in a Group E (mercantile) *occupancy* is 500 m² or less, the washroom requirements may be calculated based on the number of staff only.

This RULING applies throughout the Province of Alberta.

ISSUE OF THIS RULING IS AUTHORIZED
UNDER ARTICLE 1.5.7.4. OF THE ALBERTA
BUILDING CODE 1990 BY THE DIRECTOR
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