



INFORMATION REGARDING

Identification of Single-User Toilet Facilities As All-Gender

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PURPOSE: The City of Hemet provides this bulletin to clarify the California Building Code for the required signage for All-Gender Toilet Facilities.

BACKGROUND: Assembly Bill 1732 (Ting, Chapter 818, Statutes of 2016) was signed into law on September 29, 2016, to create Health and Safety Code Section 118600, relating to the identification of single-user toilet facilities as all-gender toilet facilities.

Health and Safety Code Section 118600 requires:

- (a)** All single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or state or local government agency shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities by signage that complies with Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use.
- (b)** During any inspection of a business or a place of public accommodation by an inspector, building official, or other local official responsible for code enforcement, the inspector or official may inspect for compliance with this section.
- (c)** For the purposes of this section, "single-user toilet facility" means a toilet facility with no more than one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the user.
- (d)** This section shall become operative on March 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION: The following directive is provided for clarity, to address identification of single-user toilet facilities as all-gender, in compliance with the accessibility provisions of California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 11B. It is important to note that the clarification provided herein is not the result of a change in accessibility regulations, and is in accordance with existing accessibility requirements for symbols at entrances for toilet facilities, and wall-mounted designation signs if provided, as is already expressed in the 2016 CBC.

1. The California Building Code, Section 11B-216.8.1, requires that doorways leading to toilet and bathing rooms be identified by a geometric symbol. Furthermore, section 11B-703.7.2.6.3 requires the geometric symbol to be an equilateral triangle superimposed onto a circle and placed on the door. There is no requirement for a pictogram, text or braille. (Exhibit A)

2. The California Building Code does not require a wall-mounted designation sign identifying a permanent room or space to be provided for a toilet facility. CBC Chapter 11B provisions for designation signs are conditional and the technical requirements apply only when a designation sign is provided. If provided it shall comply with the following:

A. According to CBC Chapter 11B, where a toilet facility is identified with a designation sign adjacent to the door, the sign is required to comply with the technical requirements for visual characters, raised characters, braille, and must also comply with other accessibility requirements for mounting height, clear floor space, and proximity to the door/entrance of the room. A pictogram is not required to be provided; however, where a facility owner elects to identify a toilet facility with a pictogram, a text descriptor consisting of visual characters, raised characters, and braille is required to accompany the pictogram. (Exhibit B)

B. The City of Hemet does not have the authority to specify designation sign text, nor does the City of Hemet have the authority to regulate the image for a pictogram that is provided on a designation sign. The image of the pictogram and text descriptor is left to the discretion of the facility owner/operator.

The CBC requirements for use and application of designation signs are consistent with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards (2010 ADAS).

ENFORCEMENT:

3. Addressing the enforcement provisions of the statute: HSC §118600 states: " During any inspection of a business or a place of public accommodation by an inspector, building official, or other local official responsible for code enforcement, the inspector or official may inspect for compliance with this section.." For projects within the City of Hemet's, the City provides the following guidelines for enforcement:

3.1 Projects under plan review as of March 1, 2017: If a project is in plan review, plan review staff will review that all single-user toilet facilities in new construction, or those undergoing alteration that are part of the project, have the required "unisex" symbols on the door, and indicate that the symbol be provided without text, braille, or use of a pictogram. (Exhibit A) If the designer has indicated a wall-mounted designation sign will be provided at the single-user toilet facility, the City will require the sign to be specified in the construction documents, and to be indicated as a designation sign with raised text, corresponding braille, and no pictogram. (Exhibit B)

3.2 Single-user toilet facilities in projects under construction, and existing single-user toilet facilities requiring a change of identification symbols: In accordance with the guidelines provided herein, implementation of the statute for existing single-

user toilet facilities and for single-user toilet facilities in projects under construction will be enforced by the City. The effective date for compliance is March 1, 2017. When changing identification symbols of existing single-user toilet facilities from gender-specific to all-gender, the City would like to remind you that the pictogram is not required, nor can it require a specific pictogram to be used, however, if you do decide to include a pictogram consideration should be used to ensure the pictogram will not be perceived as inappropriate.

- 3.3 Certificate of Occupancy: When an inspection is performed for a Certificate of Occupancy within the City of Hemet the signage shall be updated to be in compliance with HSC §118600.

EXHIBIT A- Door Signage (Required by CBC)

This image represents the door symbol that is required by CBC 11B-216.8 to identify an all-gender/unisex single-user toilet facility. The symbol must comply with the requirements of CBC 11B-703.7.2.6.3. No pictogram, text, or braille is required on the symbol.

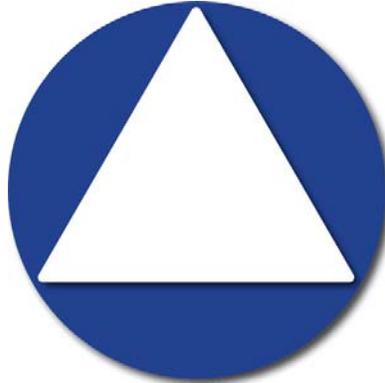


EXHIBIT B - Designation sign on wall, if provided

Designation signs are not required to be provided by the CBC or the 2010 ADAS. If provided, a designation sign adjacent to the door must comply with the scoping requirements of CBC 11B-216.2, and the technical requirements for raised characters (CBC 11B-703.2), braille (CBC 11B-703.3), visual characters (CBC 11B-703.5), and requirements for installation height and location (CBC 11B-703.4). No pictogram is required. The following signs illustrate acceptable examples for designation sign text:



Note: Braille translation not verified by the City of Hemet.