

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

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Proposed Code Change - Language

Please provide your proposed code change in strikeout/underline format. Provide the *specific* language you would like to see changed, with new words underlined and words to be deleted should be ~~stricken~~. Also, state whether the language contained in your proposal is from a code book or from an amendment currently found in Minnesota Rule. (You may provide the language (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

1112.8.3 Toilet rooms and bathing rooms. Toilet rooms and bathing rooms shall comply with Sections 1112.8.3.1 through 1112.8.3.3.

1112.8.3.1 Family or assisted-use toilet rooms and bathing rooms. Where it is technically infeasible to alter existing toilet rooms and bathing rooms to be accessible, at least one accessible family or assisted-use toilet room or bathing room shall be provided, unless technically infeasible. The family or assisted-use toilet room or bathing room shall be located in the same area and be on the same floor as the existing toilet rooms and bathing rooms. Each family or assisted-use toilet room shall contain one water closet, one lavatory, and the door shall have a privacy latch. In addition, family or assisted-use bathing rooms shall contain one shower or bathtub fixture. Family or assisted-use toilet rooms and bathing rooms shall also be permitted to contain one urinal. All fixtures provided in the family or assisted-use room shall be accessible.

~~1112.8.3.2~~ **1112.8.3.1.1 Ambulatory compartment.** In addition to the provisions of Section 1112.8.3.1, an ambulatory compartment shall be provided within the existing toilet room or bathing room, unless technically infeasible.

1112.8.3.2 Ambulatory compartment. Where it is technically infeasible to alter the existing toilet rooms and bathing rooms to be accessible or provide a family or assisted-use toilet room or bathing room in compliance with Section 1112.8.3.1, an ambulatory compartment with a minimum clear floor space of 48 inches in front of the water closet shall be provided in the existing toilet room or bathing room, unless technically infeasible.

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

Please provide a thorough explanation of the need for this change and why this proposed code change is a reasonable change. During the rulemaking process, the Agency must defend the need and reasonableness of all its proposed changes. The Agency must submit evidence that is

has considered all aspects of the proposal. (You may provide the need and reason (electronically) on a separate attached sheet).

This change is needed because in some instances an accessible family or assisted-use toilet room will be technically infeasible and the only accessible restroom facilities will be the ambulatory accessible compartment. The 48 inches of clear floor space in front of the water closet will make it possible for individuals using mobility devices, such as walkers and narrow wheelchair to access a low level of functional access.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

Please consider whether this proposed code change will increase/decrease costs or indicate that it will not have any cost implications and explain how it will not. If there is an increased cost, will this cost be offset somehow by a life safety or other benefit? If so, please explain. Are there any cost increases/decreases to enforce or comply with this proposed code change? If so, please explain. (You may provide the cost/benefit analysis (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

A slight increase for construction of a ambulatory accessible compartment.

Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

delete language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.

No

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.

No

4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.

Yes, those sections outlined above.

5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?

The disability community and building code officials.

6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.

No

7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.

No