



ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

(This form must be submitted electronically)

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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).

604.3.3 Clearance Overlap. The required clearance around the water closet shall be permitted to overlap the water closet, associated grab bars, toilet paper and sanitary seat cover dispensers, sanitary napkin receptacles, coat hooks, a ~~small~~ shelf measuring 6 inches (150 mm) maximum in depth by 12 inches (305 mm) maximum in width, accessible routes, clear floor space at other fixtures and the turning space. No other fixtures or obstructions, including protruding towel dispensers or waste receptacles, shall be within the required water closet clearance.

EXCEPTIONS:

- ~~1. In family or assisted-use toilet rooms and bathing rooms where the accessible lavatory and water closet are located on the same wall, a hand drying device and trash receptacle shall be permitted to be located on the wall between the water closet and the accessible lavatory.~~
2. A diaper changing table shall be permitted on the wall facing the front of the water closet in family or assisted-use toilet rooms and bathing rooms.

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

The first change is needed because there is no definition of 'small shelf' and in tight quarters a larger shelf could interfere with access. The second change is needed because the original proposal is a violation of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design.

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).

No impact.

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.

No

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

The disability community and 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.

Yes, the second change is a requirement of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design.