

Adult-Size Changing Facilities Code TAG

Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Meeting Location: Hybrid – Washington Room/WebEx

Call to order:

Karen Gridley

Attendance:

TAG Members present: Karen Gridley (DLI), Greg Metz (DLI), Kevin Rolfs (BOMA), Steve Kartak (AMBO), Corey Mollet (MN AIA), Sarah St. Louis (Disability Advocacy), Mara Peterson (Disability Advocacy)

TAG Members absent: Scott Kaminski (MASMS)

Guests attending: Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Chad Payment (DLI), Steve Shold (DLI), Jeff Lebowski (DLI), Tim Manz (DLI), Alexis Wentworth, Clayton Talbot, Dave Knudson, Jami Klausen, Jason Zemke, Katlyn Flannery, Linda Prail, Nathaniel Straka, Nick Fadden, Patrick Bemmels, Sarah, Sara Koos, Sarah Levens, Scott Anderson, Christian Faste, Kyle Dimler

1. Call to order
2. Overview of data practices and Open Meeting Law
3. Reviewed draft code language for scoping of adult-size changing facilities. The language reviewed will be in the upcoming 2024 IBC. Discussion of specific draft sections is detailed below.

1109.2.4 Adult-sized changing stations

Based on a question from an interested party, the TAG members reviewed language requiring adult-sized changing facilities to be accessible where provided and comply with the code. Adult-sized changing facilities that are provided as an option where they are not required must be on an accessible route but are allowed some design flexibility where changing services are provided as part of a care or educational program. TAG members discussed revising the language to clarify the space containing the adult changing station is required to be accessible. Several commenters preferred the draft language as written. The TAG Lead requested the proposed change form be completed and submitted if the commenter has alternate language to propose.

1109.2.4.1 Where required

The TAG reviewed the four items describing occupancies where adult changing stations are required.

- Item 1 - TAG members discussed that adult changing stations would only be required for larger assembly, mercantile and recreational facilities and considered a suggestion to expand the scope to include outpatient medical facilities. A TAG member raised concerns about a potential conflict between item 1 and the exception to section 1109.2.1.
- Item 2 – TAG members discussed mixed occupancy buildings for students above the 12th grade. Item 2 is intended to address areas where students are participating in classes or lectures and public toilet rooms where an aggregate of 12 or more toilets are available. Concerns were raised about individuals using facilities inappropriately such as for housing. Inappropriate use is a building operation issue.
- Item 3 – TAG members reviewed when Group E occupancies are required to be provided with an adult-sized changing stations. Smaller urban and suburban elementary and middle schools may not have a large enough assembly space to be required to have adult-sized changing facilities. However, K-12 schools in greater Minnesota will probably be required to have one. Adult-sized changing facilities for special education programs are not required in this draft language in order to allow design flexibility for the services provided by school staff in accordance with programs provided by a school. In these instances, they will be designed separately and specifically for the program.
- Item 4 – The TAG members agreed this item needs revision because the terms “highway rest stop” and “service plaza” need clarification. Minnesota does not have toll roads so the term “service plaza” could be confusing. Additionally, MNDOT has different types of rest areas, some of which do not have plumbing. The TAG also considered expanding the scope to require adult-sized changing facilities be provided in other state facilities as well as sites with multiple buildings with toilet facilities such as fairgrounds.

1109.2.4.2 Room

TAG members reviewed this section and exception.

1109.2.4.3 Prohibited location

TAG members discussed that if toilet facilities are provided outside of the security checkpoint, then the facilities must include adult-sized changing facilities. If all facilities are within areas inside a security checkpoint, then an adult-sized changing facility is not required outside of the checkpoint. TAG members also discussed revising the language to delete “separate sex” because toilet facility requirements can be met with clusters of single user toilet rooms that are not separated by sex as defined by the code.

1109.2.4.4 Travel distance

TAG members discussed the permitted travel distance of 2,000 feet to the adult-sized changing facility. The accessible route from separate sex toilets to an assisted use toilet is not to exceed 500 feet. The ICC code development committee concluded that it was cost prohibitive to include adult-sized changing facilities every 500 feet and needed to strike a balance in order to have these facilities provided in buildings. The language was intended to address larger buildings such as stadiums. TAG members discussed language to clarify that the travel distance refers to the accessible route and considered a suggestion that the travel distance be modified to 1,000 feet.

TAG members also discussed alterations to existing buildings and adult-sized changing facilities as part of the accessible route described by Minnesota Accessibility Code section 305.7. Provisions for existing buildings will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

TAG members considered a suggestion to include provisions for cleanliness. The University of Minnesota has bedpan washers in spaces with adult-sized changing facilities. The ICC code development committee did not add

any fixtures because they are addressed by the plumbing code and end users stated they brought their own supplies for cleanliness.

Next Meeting:

Date: August 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hybrid – Washington Room/WebEx Event

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

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