

Adult-Size Changing Facilities Code TAG

Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 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), Don Sivigny (DLI), Paul Swett (DLI), Alan Gettelman, Alexis Wentworth, Brooke Bordson, Clayton Talbot, Dana Murdoch, Elizabeth Schulze, Marcus Hulmer, Paige Morton, Jason Zemke, Katlyn Flannery, Roberta Kehne, Roz Peterson, Scott Anderson, Tim Jensen, Kyle Dimler, Gary Thaden

1. Call to order
2. Discussions carried over from previous meeting.

Provisions for cleanliness

The discussion of provisions for cleanliness was carried over from the previous meeting. The adult-sized changing facility could create a sanitary condition. Members of the public suggested that a bedpan washer or another device be required. An additional fixture is beyond the scope of the expediated rulemaking authority granted by legislation. Any additional fixture must be required by chapter 29 of the Minnesota Building Code and the specifics for installation of the fixture must be addressed by Plumbing Board. Those interested in requiring provisions for cleanliness or an additional fixture can submit a code change proposal to the Plumbing Board.

Minnesota Accessibility Code section 305.7 Alterations affecting an area containing a primary function

The discussion of the impact of adult-sized changing facility requirements on existing buildings was carried over from the previous meeting. Section 307.5 requires an existing primary area undergoing alteration to be provided with an accessible route, which includes toilet rooms, to serve that area. The cost of providing an accessible

route is not required to exceed 20 percent of the cost of alteration. The 20 percent rule as well as provisions for when it is technically infeasible to alter existing toilet rooms to be accessible apply to existing buildings and will be used to determine where an adult-sized changing facility may be required. An existing family or assisted use toilet room that is the primary area undergoing alteration must comply with the requirements for new construction unless technically infeasible to do so.

3. Reviewed draft code language for scoping of adult-sized changing facilities and technical criteria. Discussion of specific draft sections is detailed below.

Section 1109.2.4.1 Where required

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to modify items 1 and 4 and add items 5 and 6. The modification to item 1 eliminates the reference to bathing facilities, clarifies that in mixed occupancy buildings only water closets required for assembly and mercantile occupancies will be included in calculations to determine if adult-sized changing facilities are required, and requires an adult-sized changing facility where 6 or more male and female water closets are required. The modification to item 4 deletes “highway rest stops and highway service plazas” and replaces the language with “Minnesota Department of Transportation Class 1 Rest Areas.” The TAG consensus was to further modify item 4 to delete “Class 1” and require adult-sized changing facilities at rest areas provided with plumbing and electricity at toileting locations. Items 5 and 6 require state park campgrounds and state park visitor centers to be provided with plumbing and electricity at toileting locations. The TAG consensus was to accept item 6, but item 5 requires additional revision to address campgrounds with multiple toilet locations.

Section 1109.2.4.3 Prohibited location

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to replace “separate-sex toileting or bathrooms” with “public and employee toilet rooms required by Minnesota Rules, chapter 1305.” The TAG consensus was to accept the code change proposal.

Section 1109.2.4.4 Travel distance

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to modify the path of travel to an adult-sized changing facility from 2,000 feet to 1,000 feet with an exception for A-4 and A-5 occupancies. The TAG consensus was to accept the code change proposal with an additional modification to eliminate the requirement that a person be no more than two stories above or below a story with an adult-sized changing facility.

Section 603.2.2 Door Swing and Section 902.1 General

The TAG reviewed sections 603.2.2 and 902.1. Some TAG members expressed concerns that the door swing provisions may not provide adequate space for users of adult-sized changing facilities.

Next Meeting:

Date: August 15, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hybrid – Washington Room/WebEx Event

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

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