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Identification of Single-user Toilet Facilities as All-gender Restrooms

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 1732 (Chapter 818, Statutes 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 designed 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 purpose 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.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

As of March 1st, 2017, all single-user toilet facilities in a business establishment, place of public accommodation, or state or local government agency shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities per the following guidelines:

- For the purpose of implementing the Assembly Bill 1732, a single-user toilet facility means a private toilet facility that has a single water closet (toilet) or a single toilet and a urinal, is intended for use by only one person at a time, generally has no stall enclosure around the toilet, and has a door that can be locked from the inside by the room occupant.
- Symbol on the entrance door: “Unisex” geometric symbol (i.e., an equivalent triangle superimposed onto a circle) in compliance with CBC 11B-703.7.2.6.3 shall be mounted on the entrance door of a single-user toilet sanitary to identify such sanitary facility as an all-gender toilet facility. No text, braille, or pictogram is allowed on the symbol.
- Designation sign on wall: When provided, wall-mounted designation signs adjacent to the entrance door must comply with the technical requirements for raised characters (CBC 11B-703.2), braille (CBC 11B-703.3), visual characters (CBC 11B-703.5), pictogram (CBC 11B-703.6), and the requirements for installation height and location (CBC 11B-703.4). Pictogram is not required, but if used, it is preferred to be a simple picture and must comply with Section CBC 11B-703.6.
- These guidelines are applicable to all projects currently under plan review. For the projects approved prior to March 1st, 2017, but still under construction, all single-user toilet facilities with gender specific symbols or designation signs are required to comply with the guidelines stated above.

- City-owned, leased or operated facilities shall comply with the guidelines stated above.
- Implementation of the Statute for existing private-owned buildings not doing any renovation or alteration is to be effected by the property owners. Building Division will enforce the implementation by complaint. A building permit shall be obtained prior to the start of the implementation process.