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Section 405.3.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 405.3.1 that a minimum 30" x 60" toilet stall allows for clearance from the edge of the toilet to the inswinging door? Figure 405.3.1 does not indicate a door swing. Would a 30" x 48" deep toilet stall that has a minimum of 21" clearance from the edge of the toilet to the inside of an outswinging toilet partition door meet the same intent? Technically this meets the requirement of providing the minimum 21" clearance in front of the water closet to any wall, fixture or door.

Answer:

Yes, Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 405.3.1 requires that a 21" clearance is provided from the front of the toilet to the closed door regardless of door swing. No, a 30" X 48" stall would not meet the minimum 30" x 60" size required by this section. The minimum size stall for a non-accessible water closet is 30" X 60". The door can swing in or out and the clearance for the front side of the toilet is measured with the door closed.

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Commentary:

Regarding the options listed in the questioner's comment section, options 1 & 2 would not meet minimum code requirements. Option 1 is too small, option 2 is a violation of Section 310.4, door required. Option 3 would be viable as long as minimum fixtures requirements are met.

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