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Section 403.2

Question:

Is it the intent of the Plumbing Code sec. 403.2, exception 2, to require separate toilet facilities for seating in excess of 10 even though the occupancy is considered a Mercantile occupancy?

Answer

Yes.

Commentary:

While exception 3 would apply per the Building Code, exception 2 would also apply, meaning only for up to 10 seats. Over 10 seats you still need to provide separate toilet rooms. DCA has ruled on similar interpretations and when 2 code sections conflict you must go by the most stringent requirement. In this case exception 2, separate toilet rooms.

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