

Informal Interpretation Report Number 8407



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Section SECTION 405 INSTALLATION OF FIXTURES 405.3.1 Water closets, urinals, lavatories and bidets.

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 405.3.1 Water closets, urinals, lavatories and bidets that each fixture listed (water closet, urinal, lavatory or bidet) be set no closer than 15 inches from its center to any side wall, partition, vanity or other obstruction and no closer than 30 inches center to center between adjacent fixtures? Or is the intent of the statement that the fixtures are either a min of 15" from an adjacent surface or spaced 30" apart?

Answer:

The intent is two-fold. First, the fixture must be set at least 15 inches from its center to any wall, vanity or other obstruction. Second, multiple fixtures must be set at least 30 inches center-to-center. The forthcoming 2020 FBC-Plumbing volume modifies this Section to clarify that both conditions must be met.

On 05/18/2020 at 7:15 AM

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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