



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 202.4.1

Question:

Are restrooms considered part of the 20% disproportionate cost if you are improving an (existing) occupancy of
- Assembly, Business, Mercantile (provided they are not highway rest stops. Areas of transportation)

Answer

Yes

Commentary:

Costs associated with making restrooms accessible, such as installing grab bars, enlarging toilet stalls, insulating pipes, or installing accessible faucet controls are specifically listed in the disproportionate cost.

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