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## SUPPLEMENT

### BUILDING CODE AND GENERAL ORDERS ON EXISTING BUILDINGS

In this supplement are included new orders and amendments to the Building Code and the General Orders on Existing Buildings, both issued by the Industrial Commission. New order 5410½ and amended order 5532 are a part of the Building Code; new order 6113 and amended order 6230 are a part of the General Orders on Existing Buildings. All of these new orders and amendments became effective July 30, 1933.

The sanitation requirements contained herein are not complete in themselves, but must be used in connection with the codes they supplement.

#### Application of Regulations to Taverns

In the use of the regulations contained in this Supplement, the most frequent present application will occur in connection with places where stimulating drinks (beer, etc.) are served. The term tavern is not used (nor defined) herein, so the following explanation is offered to prevent confusion in the enforcement in connection with local regulation.

In the application of these orders to (so-called) taverns, any place (other than dance halls under order 5532) where stimulating drinks, such as beer, wines and similar alcoholic beverages, are served for consumption on the premises (other than incidentally in connection with regular food

service) is considered a new occupancy and comes within the scope of order 5410½. Where the serving of such drinks is only incidental to regular food service, such as only in connection with meals in restaurants and other dining rooms, this is not considered a change in use and order 6113 applies.

If the tavern is large so that more than 100 people are accommodated at any time, and the serving of drinks is such that the place can be considered a new occupancy as above, order 5532 applies. If such a large tavern has a dining room, and the serving of drinks is only incidentally in connection with the regular food service, order 6230 applies.

This interpretation is based on the ruling that all places (taverns) where the serving of drinks is not incidental to regular food service shall be considered new occupancies.

**THE FOLLOWING ORDER 5410½ APPLIES TO SANITATION IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT ERECTED, ALTERED OR CHANGED IN USE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**(New) Order 5410½ Sanitary Equipment.**

**1. TOILETS.**

(a) Toilets Required. Toilet facilities shall be provided and maintained in connection with every public building and place of employment under this classification (see order 5400).

(b) Toilets in Public Buildings. In all public buildings under this classification, separate toilet rooms shall be provided for males and females, except as in order 5251 and as otherwise provided hereunder.

In public places where stimulating drinks, such as beer, wines and similar alcoholic beverages, are served for consumption on the premises, except in dining rooms, restaurants and similar places where the serving of such drinks is only incidental to the regular food service, toilet fixtures shall be provided in connection with the area served, for the sex (or sexes) served, as follows:

- One water-closet for every 40 females, or fraction;
- One water-closet for every 75 males, or fraction, and

Where there are more than 25 males accommodated there shall be one urinal for every 50 males, or fraction, in excess of 25.

The number of persons herein refers to the number of persons that may be accommodated at the same time, and shall be determined as for assembly halls under order 5506.

In toilet rooms (required above) used by males, all water-closets shall have projecting lip (or so-called elongated pattern) and open front self-rising (counter-weighted) seat without cover. In toilet rooms used by females, all water-closets shall have open front seat, without cover. All urinals shall be of the type (individual) and construction as under order 5260.

*Note.* Existing fixtures (water-closets and urinals) which are in serviceable and sanitary condition may be reused, or continued in use on the same premises under this order.

In public occupancies other than those where stimulating drinks (as defined above) are served for consumption on the premises, one water-closet shall be provided in connection therewith for each sex accommodated.

*Exception.* Under this classification, a small mercantile establishment where normally not more than ten patrons are expected to be on the premises at the same time need have in connection therewith only a toilet room to accommodate both the public and employes. Adequate public toilets may be provided in connection with a group of such small establishments under this exception.

(c) Toilets in Places of Employment. See order 2203.

(d) General Requirements. For general toilet room requirements (location, construction, ventilation, fixtures, etc.) see orders 5250 to 5264, inclusive.

Where toilet rooms used by males and females adjoin, the wall between such toilet rooms, if of studding with lath and plaster, the lath shall be of metal.

2. Drinking Water. Sufficient pure drinking water piped from mains or in sanitary containers shall be provided in connection with every public building under this classification, served by drinking fountains separate from other plumbing fixtures, or individual drinking cups, of a type approved by the State Board of Health, except in places where food or drink is served, and except in public buildings where

normally not more than ten patrons are expected to be on the premises at the same time. Drinking fountains shall not be placed in toilet rooms.

For drinking water requirements as applied to places of employment, see order 2117.

See also Section 146.07 of the statutes of Wisconsin which prohibits the use of common drinking cups.

3. Washing Facilities. In every public building and place of employment, washbowls shall be provided in connection with toilet rooms, one for every two fixtures (water-closets and urinals), or fraction. Clean individual cloth or paper towels and soap shall be provided in connection with every lavatory installation. The installation of a towel for common use or the use of any common towel is not permissible.

See also orders 2213 to 2216, inclusive.

(This order effective July 30, 1933.)

**THE FOLLOWING ORDER 6113 APPLIES TO SANITATION IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT WHICH WERE ERECTED, ALTERED OR OCCUPIED (PRESENT USE) BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**(New) Order 6113. Sanitary Equipment.**

**1. TOILETS.**

(a) Toilets Required. Toilet facilities shall be provided and maintained in connection with every public building and place of employment under this classification (see order 6100).

(b) Toilets in Public Buildings. In all public buildings under this classification, separate toilet rooms shall be provided for males and females, except as otherwise provided hereunder.

In public places where stimulating drinks, such as beer, wines and similar alcoholic beverages, are served for consumption on the premises, except in dining rooms, restaurants and similar places where the serving of such drinks is only incidental to the regular food service, toilet fixtures shall be provided in connection with the area served, for the sex (or sexes) served, as follows:

One water-closet for every 40 females, or fraction;  
One water-closet for every 75 males, or fraction, and  
Where there are more than 25 males accommodated,  
there shall be one urinal for every 50 males, or fraction,  
in excess of 25.

The number of persons herein refers to the number of persons that may be accommodated at the same time, and shall be determined as for assembly halls under order 6202.

In new toilet rooms (installed under this order) used by males, all water-closets shall have projecting lip (or so-called elongated pattern) and open front self-rising (counter-weighted) seat without cover. In toilet rooms as above used by females, all water-closets shall have open front seat, without cover. All urinals installed in toilet rooms as above shall be of the type (individual) and construction as under order 5260. Existing fixtures (water-closets and urinals) which are in a serviceable and sanitary condition will be permitted to be used under this order.

In public occupancies other than those where stimulating drinks (as defined above) are served for consumption on the premises, one water-closet shall be provided in connection therewith for each sex accommodated.

*Exception.* Under this classification, a small mercantile establishment where normally not more than ten patrons are expected to be on the premises at the same time need have in connection therewith only toilet room to accommodate both the public and employes. Adequate public toilets may be provided in connection with a group of such small establishments under this exception.

(c) Toilets in Places of Employment. See order 2203.

(d) General Requirements. For general toilet room requirements (location, construction, ventilation, fixtures, etc.) which apply to new installations see orders 5250 to 5264, inclusive.

Where toilet rooms used by males and females adjoin, the wall between such toilet rooms, if of studding with lath and plaster, the lath shall be of metal.

All toilets shall be maintained as required under order 5264.

2. Drinking Water. Sufficient pure drinking water piped from mains or in sanitary containers shall be provided in

connection with every public building under this classification, served by drinking fountains separate from other plumbing fixtures, or individual drinking cups, of a type approved by the State Board of Health, except in places where food or drink is served, and except in public buildings where normally not more than ten patrons are expected to be on the premises at the same time. Drinking fountains shall not be placed in toilet rooms.

For drinking water requirements as applied to places of employment, see order 2117.

See also Section 146.07 of the statutes of Wisconsin which prohibits the use of common drinking cups.

3. Washing Facilities. In every public building and place of employment, washbowls shall be provided in connection with toilet rooms, one for every two fixtures (water-closets and urinals), or fraction; clean individual cloth or paper towels and soap shall be provided in connection with every lavatory installation. The installation of a towel for common use or the use of any common towel is not permissible.

See also orders 2213 to 2216, inclusive.

4. Effective Date of Order. This order as applied to public buildings where stimulating drinks (as in (b) above) are served for consumption on the premises becomes effective July 30, 1933. This order as applied to all other public buildings shall become effective January 1, 1935.

**THE FOLLOWING AMENDED ORDER 5532 APPLIES TO SANITATION IN THEATERS, ASSEMBLY HALLS AND SIMILAR OCCUPANCIES (SEE ORDERS 5500 AND 5501) WHICH WERE ERECTED, ALTERED OR CHANGED IN USE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**(Amended) Order 5532. Sanitation.**

1. Toilets. Separate toilet rooms in connection with the auditorium shall be provided for males and females. One closet shall be installed for each 200 females or fraction, and one closet and one urinal for each 300 males or fraction, assuming the audience to be equally divided between males and females; except that in dance halls there shall be provided one water-closet for each 100 females or fraction, one urinal for each 150 males or fraction and one water-closet

for each 300 males or fraction. Where stimulating drinks, such as beer, wines and similar alcoholic beverages, are served for consumption on the premises, there shall be provided one water-closet for every 40 females, or fraction, one water-closet for every 75 males, or fraction, and one urinal for every 50 males, or fraction; except that where the capacity in such places exceeds 300 persons, the ratio of number of fixtures to number of persons accommodated in excess of 300 need be only one-half of the above.

There shall be separate water-closets provided for males and females in connection with the stage of every theater which accommodates more than 500 persons.

*Note.* In theaters where motion picture machines are run continuously for a period of more than two hours without at least ten minutes intermission for the motion picture machine operator for each two hour period, toilets should be provided in direct connection with the motion picture booth. The operator should always be where the machines are in plain view, with control so arranged, direct and remote, that the power may be cut off instantly in emergency.

Consult the Industrial Commission for alternate where toilets cannot be installed.

For general toilet room requirements see orders 5250 to 5264, inclusive.

2. Drinking Water. Separate drinking fountains of a type approved by the State Board of Health shall be provided for the stage and auditorium where water supply is available. Drinking fountains shall not be placed in toilet rooms.

3. Washing Facilities. Washbowls shall be provided in connection with toilet rooms, one for every two closets and urinals, or fraction.

(This order as amended, effective July 30, 1933.)

THE FOLLOWING AMENDED ORDER 6230 APPLIES TO SANITATION IN THEATERS, ASSEMBLY HALLS AND SIMILAR OCCUPANCIES (SEE ORDERS 6200 AND 6201) WHICH WERE ERECTED, ALTERED OR OCCUPIED (PRESENT USE) AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

**(Amended) Order 6230. Toilet Rooms.**

Order 6230. Toilet Rooms. Toilet facilities shall be provided in connection with theatres and assembly halls, where, in the judgment of the Industrial Commission, they are necessary.

Where stimulating drinks, such as beer, wines and similar alcoholic beverages, are served for consumption on the premises, there shall be provided one water-closet for every 40 females, or fraction, one water-closet for every 75 males, or fraction, and one urinal for every 50 males, or fraction; except that where the capacity in such places exceeds 300 persons, the ratio of number of fixtures to number of persons accommodated in excess of 300 need be only one-half of the above.

(This order as amended, effective July 30, 1933.)