



## City of Austin Development Services Department

**To:** All Internal and External Stakeholders  
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### **INTERPRETATION NUMBER: 2018-0001**

**TITLE:** Swimming Pool Restrooms

**CODE EDITION:** 2015 International Building Code (IBC) as amended by COA  
2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as amended by COA  
2015 International Plumbing Code (IPC)

**SECTION:** 2015 IBC Chapter 29 Table 2902.1.  
2015 UPC Chapter 4 Table 422.1  
2015 IPC Chapter 4 Table 403.1

**PURPOSE:** Clarify restroom requirements for pools accessory to a single family dwelling and Class C pools that are accessory to a hotel, motel, apartment, or condominium.

### **CODE**

**REQUIREMENTS:** The Uniform Plumbing Code Table 422.1 Minimum Plumbing Facilities (IBC Table 2902.1 and IPC Table 403.1) allow for the installation of 1 water closet for male and 1 water closet for female up to an occupant load of 1,000 (1-500 for each male, and female respectively) for an A-3 transient public space.

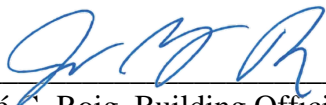
Texas Department of Health Standards for Swimming Pools and Spas (09/01/2004) Section 265.201(g) indicates toilets are not required for Class C pools located in an apartment, hotel, motel, or condominium complex.

Class C pool - Any pool operated for and in conjunction with: (i) lodging such as hotels, motels, apartments, condominiums, or mobile home parks; (ii) property owner associations, private organizations, or clubs; or (iii) a school, college or university while being operated for academic or continuing education classes. The use of such a pool would be open to occupants, members or students, etc., and their guests but not open to the general public.

## **INTERPRETATION:**

### Minimum Plumbing Facilities:

- 1) Provide (2) single user restrooms for hotels, motels, condominiums, and apartments where pool use is restricted to residents or guests, and the farthest public restroom facility is more than 500 feet from the pool, as measured along walkways provided for access by residents or guests to the pool area, and the occupant load of the pool deck is greater than 50 and less than 1,000.
- 2) Provide additional (1) each male and female water closet for pool deck occupant loads greater than 1,000.
- 3) In multi-story buildings, accessibility to the required toilet facilities shall not exceed one vertical story per UPC 422.4.4 and must have an accessible route as defined by the International Building Code.
- 4) Toilet room fixtures are not required for:
  - a. a private pool serving a single family dwelling (R-3 type occupancy) and used only by the residents of the dwelling and their guests
  - b. hotels, motels, condominiums, and apartments, where pool use is restricted to residents or guests, and the farthest public or private restroom is less than 500 feet from the pool, as measured along walkways provided for access by residents or guests to the pool area, and the occupant load of the pool deck is less than 50.
- 5) Additional toilet room fixtures are not required for existing swimming pool renovations or additions where the occupant load and hazard are not increased.



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