



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 13-13

CODE: 2012 International Building Code

SECTION: 2902.1

QUESTION: IBC Section 2902.1 provides that for purposes of calculating the minimum required number of plumbing fixtures in Group E occupancies, the “number of occupants shall be determined by this code.” The occupant load computed using Table 1004.1.2 yields a significant increase in the number of required fixtures over the 2009 state building code. Does the exception to Section 1004.1.2 allow a reduction in the actual occupant load for the purpose of determining the number of required plumbing fixtures?

ANSWER: **Yes. Under the exception to Section 1004.1.2 the building official may approve the “actual number of occupants” to be the design occupant load for the purpose of calculating the required plumbing fixtures.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Shoreline