

square feet (19 m²) of floor area or equivalent illumination provided that the spacing between lights shall not be greater than 30 feet (9144 mm). In other than residential occupancies, means of egress, including exterior means of egress stairways shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress is occupied with a minimum of one footcandle (11 lux) at floors, landings and treads.

(C) *Other spaces.* All other spaces shall be provided with natural or artificial light sufficient to permit the maintenance of sanitary conditions, and the safe occupancy of the space and utilization of the appliances, equipment and fixtures.

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§ 156.102 VENTILATION.

(A) *Habitable spaces.* Every habitable space shall have at least one openable window. The total openable area of the window in every room shall be equal to at least 45% of the minimum glazed area required in § 156.101(A). (Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be at least 8% of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m²). The ventilation openings to the outdoors shall be based on a total floor area being ventilated.

(B) *Bathrooms and toilet rooms.* Every bathroom and toilet room shall comply with the ventilation requirements for habitable spaces as required by § 156.102(A), except that a window shall not be required in such spaces equipped with a mechanical ventilation system. Air exhausted by a mechanical ventilation system from a bathroom or toilet room shall discharge to the outdoors and shall not be re-circulated.

(C) *Cooking facilities.* Unless approved through the certificate of occupancy, cooking shall not be permitted in any rooming unit or dormitory unit, and a cooking facility or appliance shall not be permitted to be present in a rooming unit or dormitory unit except where specifically approved in writing by the Code Official.

(D) *Process ventilation.* Where injurious, toxic, irritating or noxious fumes, gases, dusts or mists are generated, a local exhaust ventilation system shall be provided to remove the contaminating agent at the source. Air shall be exhausted to the exterior and not be recirculated to any space.

(E) *Clothes dryer-exhaust.* Clothes dryer exhaust systems shall be independent of all other systems and shall be exhausted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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§ 156.103 OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS.

(A) *Privacy.* Dwelling units, hotel units, rooming units and dormitory units shall be arranged to provide privacy and be separate from other adjoining spaces.

(B) *Minimum room widths.* A habitable room, other than a kitchen, shall not be less than seven feet (2,134 mm) in any plan dimension. Kitchens shall have a clear passageway of not less than three feet (914 mm) between counter fronts and appliances or counter fronts and walls.

(C) *Minimum ceiling heights.* Habitable spaces, hallways, corridors, laundry areas, bathrooms, toilet rooms and habitable basement areas shall have a clear ceiling height of not less than seven feet (2,134 mm) except for the following:

(1) In one- and two-family dwellings, beams or girders spaced not less than four feet (1,219 mm) on center and projecting not more than six inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height;

(2) Basement rooms in one- and two-family dwellings occupied exclusively for laundry, study or recreation purposes, having a ceiling height of not less than six feet eight inches (2,033 mm) with not less than six feet four inches (1,932 mm) of clear height under beams, girders, ducts and similar obstructions.

(3) Rooms occupied exclusively for sleeping, study or similar purposes and having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the room, with a clear ceiling height of at least seven feet (2,134 mm) over not less than one-third of the required minimum floor area. In calculating the floor area of such rooms, only those portions of the floor area with a clear ceiling height of five feet (1,524 mm) or more shall be included.

(D) *Bedroom requirements.* Every bedroom shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) *Area for sleeping.* Every bedroom occupied by one person shall contain at least 70 square feet (6.5 mm) of floor area, and every bedroom occupied by more than one person shall contain at least 50 square feet (4.6 mm) of floor area for each occupant thereof.

(2) *Access from bedrooms.* Bedrooms shall not constitute the only means of access to other bedrooms or habitable spaces and shall not-serve as the only means of egress from other habitable spaces except in units that contain fewer than two bedrooms.

(3) *Water closet accessibility.* Every bedroom shall have access to at least one water closet and one lavatory without passing through another bedroom. Every bedroom in a dwelling unit shall have access to at least one water closet and lavatory located in the same story as the bedroom or an adjacent story.

(4) *Prohibited occupancy.* No person shall use any kitchen, nonhabitable or public space for sleeping purposes, nor shall food be prepared or cooked in any room used for sleeping purposes, except in an efficiency apartment. In an efficiency apartment, that portion of the room designated for sleeping purposes shall not be within ten feet of that portion of the room designated for cooking purposes. The ten feet shall be calculated as the shortest straight line distance between the sleeping area and the stove. The ten feet requirement shall not be a violation when the ten feet distance is separated by a permanent divider wall of a height of at least 50% of the height of the room.

(5) *Other requirements.* Bedrooms shall comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter including, but not limited to, the light, ventilation, room area, ceiling height and room width requirements of this section, the plumbing facilities and water-heating facilities requirements of this chapter; the heating facilities and electrical receptacle requirements of this chapter; and the smoke detector and emergency escape requirements of this chapter.

(E) *Overcrowding.* Dwelling units shall not be occupied by more occupants than permitted by the minimum area requirements of Table 43.

TABLE 43

Space	1-2 occupants	3-5 occupants	6 or more occupants
Living room ^{a,b}	No requirements	120	150
Dining room ^{a,b}	No requirements	80	100
Kitchen ^b	50	50	60
For SI: one square foot = 0.093 m ² a. See subsection (E)(2) for combined living room/dining room spaces. b. See subsection (E)(1) for limitations on determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes.			

(1) *Sleeping area.* The minimum occupancy area required by Table 43 shall not be included as a sleeping area in determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes. All sleeping areas shall comply with subsection (D).

(2) *Combined spaces.* Combined living room and dining room spaces shall comply with the requirements of Table 43 if the total area is equal to that required for separate rooms and if the space is located so as to function as a combination living room/dining room.

(F) *Efficiency unit.* Nothing in this section shall prohibit an efficiency living unit from meeting the following requirements:

(1) A unit occupied by not more than two occupants shall have a clear floor area of not less than 220 square feet

(20.4 m²). A unit occupied by three occupants shall have a clear floor area of not less than 320 square feet (29.7 m²). These required areas shall be exclusive of the areas required by Items 2 and 3.

(2) The unit shall be provided with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a clear working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in front. Light and ventilation conforming to this code shall be provided.

(a) The unit shall be provided with a separate bathroom containing a water closet, lavatory, and bathtub or shower.

(b) The maximum number of occupants shall be three.

(G) *Food preparation.* All spaces to be occupied for food preparation purposes shall contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve foods in a sanitary manner. There shall be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food wastes and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage.

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PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

§ 156.150 GENERALLY.

(A) *Scope.* The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum plumbing systems, facilities and plumbing fixtures to be provided.

(B) *Responsibility.* The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain such plumbing facilities and plumbing fixtures in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any structure or premises, which does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

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§ 156.151 REQUIRED FACILITIES.

(A) *Dwelling units.* Every dwelling unit shall contain its own bathtub or shower, lavatory, water closet and kitchen sink which shall be maintained in a sanitary, safe working condition. The lavatory shall be placed in the same room as the water closet or located in close proximity to the door leading directly into the room in which such water closet is located. A kitchen sink shall not be used as a substitute for the required lavatory.

(B) *Rooming houses.* At least one water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower shall be supplied for each four rooming units.

(C) *Hotels.* Where private water closets, lavatories, and baths are not provided, one water closet, one lavatory and one bathtub or shower having access from a public hallway shall be provided for each ten occupants.

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§ 156.152 TOILET ROOMS.

(A) *Privacy.* Toilet rooms and bathrooms shall provide privacy and shall not constitute the only passageway to a hall or other space, or to the exterior. A door and interior locking device shall be provided for all common or shared bathrooms and toilet rooms in a multiple dwelling.

(B) *Location.* Toilet rooms and bathrooms serving hotel units, rooming units or dormitory units, shall have access by traversing not more than one flight of stairs and shall have access from a common hall or passageway.

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§ 156.153 PLUMBING SYSTEMS AND FIXTURES.