



News from the Plumbing Inspectors

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2009 NC Plumbing Code:

A transition period is in affect between January 1st. and July 1st. from the 2006 NC Plumbing Code to the 2009 NC Plumbing Code. All building permits bought on and after July 1st. will be using the 2009 NC Plumbing Code. Looking for a copy of the 2009 NC Plumbing Cod, go to www.ncdoi.com/osfm. Look for **Code Book Sales**.

Questions from contractors:

Question: Does the lavatory faucet in a public bathroom for a restaurant have to be of the metering type?

Answer: Yes

2009 NC Plumbing Code **604.4.1 Lavatory faucets:** Lavatory faucets shall be of the metering type when located in the following public restrooms:

1. in all occupancies in restrooms which have six or more lavatories
2. in school occupancies in student-use restrooms
3. in assembly occupancies in all customer or public-use restrooms.

Do keep in mind when installing a self-closing type faucet that the NC Accessibility Code 11.6.2 (6) states:

- (6) Levers, blades, multi-arm handles, push buttons or electronically controlled mechanisms are examples of acceptable controls for water activation. If self-closing valves are used, then the faucet shall remain open for 10 seconds minimum. ***Faucet operation shall not require the use of a fine grasp, a tight pinching motion, or a turning/wrist-twisting motion for water activation. Manually activated faucets shall be operable by a five (5) pounds maximum force.***

Below is a copy of the minimum fixture chart in Chapter 4 for the Assembly section of the 2009 NC Plumbing Code. Some of the footnotes have changed from the 2006 NC Plumbing Code but the Descriptions have remained the same.

**Table 403.1
Minimum Number of required Plumbing Fixtures**

NO.	CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION
1	Assembly (see Sections 403.2, 403.5 and 403.6)	A-1 ^d	Theaters usually with fixed seats and other buildings for the performing arts and motion pictures
			Theaters in K-12 schools!
		A-2 ^d	Nightclubs, bars, taverns, dance halls and buildings for similar purposes
			Restaurants, banquet halls and food courts
			Cafeterias in K-12 schools!
		A-3 ^d	Auditoriums without permanent seating, art galleries, exhibition halls, museums, lecture halls, libraries, arcades and gymnasiums
			Gymnasiums in K-12 schools!
			Passenger terminals and transportation facilities
			Places of worship and other religious services. Churches without assembly halls ^e

NO.	CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION
1 <i>cont'd</i>	Assembly (see Sections 403.2, 403.5 and 403.6) <i>cont'd</i>	A-4	Coliseums, arenas, skating rinks, pools and tennis courts for indoor sporting events and activities
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Thank you

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