

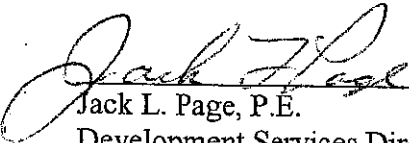
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATING PROCEDURE		
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DRINKING FOUNTAINS

In addition to the provisions of Section 410.1 of the IPC 2003, occupancies that require drinking fountains shall be permitted to substitute drinking fountains with water coolers or bottled water dispensers where the total occupant load of the occupancies does not exceed 50 people.

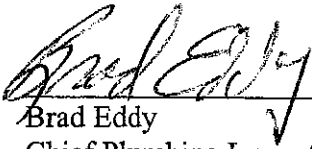
1. Proposed code change P36-06/07 scheduled for September 2006 strikes off the 50% limitation to substitution of drinking fountains with water coolers and dispensers. Technical committee analysis commented that if approved, the IBC text would be automatically revised to be consistent with IPC.
2. BPR staff suggestion of substitution up to a 50 people occupant load limit is based on current code language that permits single toilets in mercantile occupancies not exceeding 50 people. Since drinking water generally is not a life/safety issue, and in most cases less than urgent and pressing compared with the need for a toilet under certain circumstances, and since water availability is actually not deprived with a water cooler or bottled water substitution, using a limit of 50 people does not lessen the code, but may be considered equivalent in intent, which is to provide drinking water. The advantage is that it makes remodeling more economically feasible for smaller businesses that have smaller budgets, and that usually occupy smaller spaces with smaller occupant loads.

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