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BUILDING INSPECTION CALCULATION OF CAPACITIES*

Floor Area:

Bar = 18" / person

Fixed booths = 24" / person

Movable tables = 15 sq. ft. / person **

Standing assembly = 7 sq. ft. / person **

Queuing area 7 sq. ft. / person **

** deduct for obstructions in floor area (pool tables, display areas, portable salad bar, etc.)

Exits:

Minimum exiting width is 32" clear

0.2" per person (width of door)

Number of exits:

One exit if capacity does not exceed 49 persons

Two exits, 50-500 persons

Three exits 501-1000 persons

Four exits 1000+ persons

Toilets:

Restaurant-type use = 75 persons per toilet

Tavern-type use 40 persons per toilet

Maximum 15 persons if only one toilet

Capacity jumps to 80 or 150 if two-toilets (tavern vs restaurant)

Sprinkling of tenant spaces:

- Restaurant or Tavern
 - If capacity is over 100 persons, must be sprinkled
 - If floor area over 5,000 sq. ft., must be sprinkled

- Theaters / Churches / Game Rooms (all other assemblies)
 - If capacity is over 300 persons, must be sprinkled
 - If floor area over 12,000 sq. ft., must be sprinkled

CAPACITIES REGULATED BY ZONING ORDINANCE

Definition

Capacity in Persons. The maximum number of persons that can avail themselves of the services or goods of an establishment or use at any one time, as determined by the required floor space per person as established in the Building Code.

Specific uses with capacity regulation

Brewpub, Restaurant-Tavern

Maximum capacity to be established by the Director of Building Inspection Division, not to exceed the number of available seats, plus staff, plus a reasonable number of people waiting for seats.

Nightclub

Capacity may be as high as five (5) square feet per person.

