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RESIDENTIAL BATHROOM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

2025 Adopted Codes Effective

January 1, 2026

Project Name: _____ Permit #: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

The code requirements in this document are excerpts only and are not a comprehensive list of all requirements that may apply to a building project.

These sheets can be initialed and signed for most like for like residential bathroom improvements applications or when attached to a set of plans, become part of those plans and must remain attached thereto. The approval of these plans and the specifications shall not be held to permit or approve the violation of any City of Calistoga ordinance or State or Federal law.

The following is a list of the general requirements for residential bathroom remodels and is based on the current California code cycle. This is a general informational handout and permitting document and is not to be considered all- inclusive. In all cases, the appropriate code(s) shall govern.

TUB/SHOWER & WATER CLOSET REQUIREMENTS:

- Showers and tub-shower combinations shall be provided with individual control valves of the pressure balance, thermostatic, or combination pressure balance/thermostatic mixing valve type that provide scald and thermal shock protection for the rated flow rate of the installed showerhead. (CPC 408.4)
- Shower stalls shall be a minimum finished interior of 1,024 square inches and be capable of encompassing a 30 inch diameter circle. Any doors shall swing out of the enclosure and have a clear opening of 22 inches minimum. (CPC 408.7, 408.6)
- Showers shall have a waste outlet and fixture tailpiece not less than 2 inches in diameter. 1.5 inches waste outlet and fixture tailpiece are allowed for tub to shower conversions.
- Shower stalls and bathtubs with shower heads installed shall have walls finished with a nonabsorbent surface for a minimum of 6 feet above the floor. (CRC R327.2)
- Finish curb or threshold minimum shall be 2". Where there is a shower without a threshold, the floor space within the same room shall be considered a wet location and be water-proofed across the entire floor and up each wall 4". (CPC 408.6)
- Hydro-massage tubs (i.e. Jacuzzi tubs) shall have access to the motor, be supplied by a GFCI protected dedicated circuit, and be listed by a recognized testing agency (e.g., UL). All metal cables, fittings, piping, or other metal surfaces, within 5 feet of the inside wall of the Hydro-massage tub shall be properly bonded. Hydro-massage tubs shall be bonded with

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- a minimum #8 AWG bare copper wire and the bonding shall be accessible. (CEC 680.60)
- The water closet shall have a clearance of 30 inches wide (15 inches on center) and 24 inches in front. (CPC 402.5)
- Where the water closet (or other plumbing fixture) comes into contact with the wall or floor, the joint shall be caulked and sealed to be watertight. (CPC 402.2).

WATER EFFICIENT PLUMBING FIXTURES REQUIREMENTS:

- Water Closet (Toilet): 1.28 gallons per flush.
- Showerhead: 1.8 gallons per minute at 80psi.
- Faucet –Bathroom: 1.2 gallons per minute at 60 psi.

REQUIRED TEMPERED GLAZING (CRC R324.4.5):

- Tempered glazing shall be installed in the hazardous locations listed below. Tempered glazing shall be permanently identified by a manufacturer marking that is permanently applied and cannot be removed without being destroyed.
- Within a portion of wall enclosing a tub/shower where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above the standing surface and drain inlet.
- Within 60 inches of a tub/shower where the glazing is less than 60 inches above the walking surface.

ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- All receptacles shall be GFCI protected and tamper-resistant (TR) including receptacles within 6 feet of outside edge of the bathtub or shower. New/additional outlets shall have a dedicated 20-amp circuit. (CEC 210.8, 210.11, 406.12)
- Exhaust fans are required with humidistat control, and a minimum ventilation rate of 50 CFM in all bathrooms, even if an operable window is installed. (CALGreen 4.506)
- Lighting fixtures located within 3 feet horizontally and 8 feet vertically of the bathtub rim or shower stall threshold shall be listed for a damp location, or listed for wet locations where subject to shower spray. (CEC 410.10)
 - Lighting shall meet all code requirements, and at least 1 light source shall be controlled by a vacancy sensor. (CALEnergy Code section 110.9 #4)

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS REQUIREMENTS

Smoke alarms shall be installed on the ceiling or wall (between 4” and 12” of the ceiling) in all sleeping rooms, each area/hallway adjacent to sleeping rooms, each story of the building, and in any basement. Smoke alarms shall be replaced 10 years after the date of manufacture listed on the alarm (if no date is listed the alarm shall be replaced). Newly installed smoke alarms shall have a 10-year battery. Always consult the manufacturer’s installation instructions. (CRC R310)

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed on the ceiling or wall (above the door header) in each area/hallway adjacent to sleeping rooms, each story of the building, and any basement. Carbon monoxide alarms are not required if there is no fuel- burning appliances and where the garage is detached from the house. Always consult the manufacturer’s installation instructions. (CRC R311)

Amended Construction Documents: Work shall be installed in accordance with the approved construction documents and any changes made during construction that are not in compliance with the approved construction documents shall be resubmitted for approval as an amended set of construction documents.

- a. It shall be the duty of the building permit holder or their duly authorized agent to notify the Building Official when work is ready for inspection and to provide access and means for inspection of such work.
- b. All work shall be subject to inspection by the City of Calistoga Building Official and such work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or any other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections do not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or for any other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. Neither the Building Official nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expenses entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to allow inspection.

I have read and will comply with the items relevant to this project per the code.

Signature of: _____

Date: _____

- Owner
- Authorized Agent
- Contractor