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Question:

Would public or private use loading apply for sizing of water piping using Table 7.6.3. in Part 7 of the BC Building Code for the following:

Example (1) Staff Washroom in a restaurant?

Example (2) Washroom in a Group E occupancy in a mall with central washrooms?

Example (3) Washroom in a warehouse or manufacturing plant?

Interpretation:

The definition of "private use" clearly means fixtures in residences and apartments, in private bathrooms of hotels, and in similar installations in other buildings for one family or an individual.

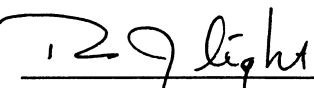
Therefore, the following would apply:

Example (1) Public use

Example (2) Public use

Example (3) Public use

Also note that Sentence 7.2.2.5. (1) requires all water closets installed for public use to be elongated type and provided with a seat of the open front type.



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