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**INTERPRETATION**

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Subject:	Bidets – Public Use
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Building Code Reference(s):	2.6.3.2(1), Table 2.6.3.2.-A, 2.6.3.2.(2). of the BCPC
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Since there are no fixture unit values listed in the public use column of Table 2.6.3.2.-A for a bidet, does this mean a bidet may only be installed in a private bathroom?</p>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Table 2.6.3.2.-A is used to establish the hydraulic load, expressed in fixture units, for a given fixture (for sizing the water distribution system) and does not limit the use of fixtures. There are no limitations within the BCPC restricting the use of a bidet to bathrooms intended for the use of one family or an individual (private use) only.</p> <p>The fixture unit value assigned to a bidet installed for public use can be determined in accordance with Sentence 2.6.3.2.(2) using Table 2.6.3.2.-D.</p>
	<p></p> <hr/> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
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