

COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES

POLICY NO.: 800-07

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 8, 1986

BACKGROUND:

The continued development of San Diego into a major metropolitan center has demonstrated the need for public restroom facilities throughout the City for use by all citizens.

Requiring specified City facilities to have public restroom facilities, and encouraging other public and private entities to provide such facilities will help meet the need for public restrooms.

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy regarding the provision of public restroom facilities.

POLICY:

- A. It is the policy of the City Council that except as otherwise provided, all City of San Diego governmental office facilities designed after the adoption of this Policy and exceeding 20,000 square feet in size shall have public restroom facilities. Such facilities shall be accessible and publicly signed from the street or building lot elevation level.
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, this requirement shall be waived if i) the provision of such restroom facility is prohibited by unmitigable design constraints, such as access, siting or other significant design factors, or ii) if said requirement is found by the City Council to constitute a significant financial burden to the City of San Diego.
- C. Said public restroom facilities may be either unisex or provide separate facilities for men and women, but in either case shall meet current code requirements, including handicapped access provisions.
- D. City of San Diego facilities having restricted public access such as police and fire facilities, and City facilities located within a secured compound, such as an equipment yard, are hereby exempt from this policy.
- E. It is the policy of the City Council to actively encourage all other public and private entities within the City that have facilities which meet the criteria above to provide public restroom facilities as described in this Council Policy.
- F. When practical, projects within officially designated redevelopment areas should, as a condition of project review and approval, consider the use of public restrooms as described in this Council Policy.

IMPLEMENTATION - CITY OF SAN DIEGO PROJECTS:

To ensure implementation of this Policy for City facilities, and consistent with Council Policy 800-06: "Capital Improvements Programming," the City Manager shall be responsible for assuring that all

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new City facilities which meet the criteria of this Council Policy shall provide publicly accessible and signed public restrooms.

IMPLEMENTATION - OTHER PROJECTS:

To ensure implementation of this Policy for non-City of San Diego projects, the Planning Department will review projects for the purpose of encouraging non-residential developers to locate public restroom facilities in each project where appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION - REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES:

To ensure implementation of this Policy for projects within officially designated redevelopment areas, the administering redevelopment entity shall review all project proposals for application of this Council Policy.

HISTORY:

“Accelerating CIP Projects”

Adopted by Resolution R-212595 02/06/1975

Repealed by Resolution R-250937 01/07/1980

“Public Restroom Facilities”

Adopted by Resolution R-266541 09/08/1986