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The following is an example of a challenge we all face with the recent changes.

The Commercial Pool bathroom requirements were correctly translated from 64E-9 to Section 424.1.6.1 FBC. However, someone copied those requirements into the Florida Plumbing Code, section 403.6. In doing so, omitted the words “unless serviced by an elevator” in the exception paragraph.

During the review of a project by the City of Orlando, the Plumbing plans examiner stated bathrooms meeting the code needed to be provided. It was explained that section 403.6 of the Plumbing Code was missing words contained in the Building Code, which was the intent of Rule 64E-9. He had to run the issue by the Building Official. The final word was to go with the “most restrictive requirement” so an existing building being converted to a hotel, will now have the challenge of retrofitting ground floor restrooms to meet the other requirements of “pool” bathrooms, namely a urinal in men’s room and floor drains.

Thanks. Kent.

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