


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Baby Diaper Changing Tables Policy	Policy #5015
Approved by: 	Effective Date: October 1, 2017
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to implement new provisions in NRS 278 (2017 Legislative Session; Assembly Bill 241) requiring each city to include in its respective building code a regulation that every permanent building and facility used by the public that contains a public restroom and is constructed on or after October 1, 2017, be equipped with one or more baby changing tables accessible to men and women.

II. REVISION HISTORY

Date Adopted – September 2017

III. EMPLOYEES AFFECTED

Building and Safety Division, specifically Plans Examiners, Building & Safety Assistant Manager and Building & Safety Manager will ensure this policy is implemented.

IV. DEFINITIONS

All words and terms defined in this requirement shall be those set forth in NRS 278.0103 to 278.0195 inclusive, having the meanings ascribed to them.

Baby Diaper Changing Table – The type of diaper changing table required must be listed as approved by a nationally recognized testing agency and must meet the guidelines of section 603.5, section 309 and section 902 of ANSI/ICC A117.1-2009.

V. POLICY

Until such time as the Northern Nevada Regional Building Code Ordinance can be updated and adopted, the City of Reno will enforce and educate the commercial building community on the provisions of the baby changing table requirements, which are that every permanent building and facility used by the public that contains a public restroom and is constructed on or after October 1, 2017, has a changing table accessible to the public, with the exception of buildings or facilities which have been issued a permit or license which restricts admission of children on the basis of age (i.e. bars, etc.), or does not have a public restroom.

Employees within the Planning Division, Building & Safety Division, and Code Enforcement Division will ensure that at each step of the process, applicants/owner-builders/contractors will be informed of this requirement, and the requirement enforced.

Assembly Bill 241 from the 2017 Legislative Session

(https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB241_EN.pdf) changes NRS 278 to require baby changing tables in each public bathroom (male and female, and if other exist) in each permanent building used by the public.

The attached Baby Changing Tables checklist on page 3 clearly includes what type of changing tables are required, when they are required, what documentation for support is required with permit submittal, and which restrooms (both male and female, and if applicable, gender-neutral or family restrooms) as well as the hyperlink to the referenced AB241. Building and Safety Divisions Plan Reviewers are the leads for implementation and answering questions on a case-by-case basis.

Baby/Diaper Changing Table Checklist

Current adopted City of Reno Building & Safety Policy– Effective Date 10/1/17

BABY CHANGING TABLES

Per this City Policy, Baby/Diaper changing tables are required to be installed in both male and female and other restrooms, in permanent buildings that contain public restrooms as defined in chapter 29 of the 2012 IBC, in compliance with the recently approved [Assembly Bill 241 from the 2017 Legislative Session/to be codified in NRS 278](#).

When Required (any of the following):

- New Buildings
- Tenant Improvements – New Restrooms, Alteration of Existing Restrooms
- New Additions
- Change of Uses – activates updating Existing Restrooms
- Adding New Restrooms

Exception: Buildings where children are not permitted.

What standards are Required for the changing tables:

- Approved by a Nationally recognized testing agency, and
- Meeting the guidelines of Sections 603.5, 309, and 902 of ANSI/ICC A117.1–2009

What documentation required for permit submittal (all the following):

- Commercial Permit Application,
- Site plan,
- Plan of building or tenant space illustrating the location of men’s and women’s restrooms. For existing construction provide As-Built & Proposed Plans,
- Plan illustrating layout, dimensions of the restroom including where the changing table will be installed,
- Details indicating new or existing wall construction type, method of wall anchorage, clearances and heights for proposed changing tables installation, and
- Manufacturer’s Specifications of the proposed listed tables to be installed.



CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public accommodations; providing that counties and cities must include in building codes or adopt by ordinance a requirement that certain buildings and facilities used by the public be equipped with one or more baby changing tables; requiring the board of trustees of any school district that adopts a building code to include such a provision in the code; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under existing law, the governing body of any county or incorporated city is authorized to: (1) regulate matters relating to the construction of buildings; and (2) adopt building codes. (NRS 244.3675, 268.413) In any county whose population is 700,000 or more, the board of trustees of the school district generally regulates the construction of buildings and facilities of the district and is required to adopt any building code necessary to perform that function. (NRS 393.110) **Section 1** of this bill requires each county and city to include in its respective building code a requirement that every permanent building and facility used by the public that contains a public restroom and is constructed on or after October 1, 2017, be equipped with one or more baby changing tables accessible to men and women. If a county or city has no building code, **section 1** requires the county or city to adopt this requirement by ordinance. **Section 1** further provides that the building code or ordinance, as applicable, must provide an exception for any building or facility that: (1) does not have a public restroom; or (2) has been issued a permit or license that restricts admission of children to the building or facility on the basis of age. Finally, **section 1** provides that the provisions of **section 1** apply to any school district for which a building code is adopted as described above. **Sections 2-4** of this bill make conforming changes.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each county, city and any other governmental entity that adopts a building code shall include in its respective building code a requirement that any permanent building or facility used by the public that contains a public restroom and is constructed on or after October 1, 2017, be equipped with at least one baby changing table. If a baby changing table is not accessible in such a building or facility to



both men and women, the building code must require that the building or facility be equipped with at least one such table accessible to men and at least one such table accessible to women.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a county or a city has no building code, it shall adopt by ordinance a requirement that any permanent building or facility used by the public that contains a public restroom and is constructed on or after October 1, 2017, be equipped with one or more baby changing tables as provided in subsection 1.

3. A building code or ordinance adopted pursuant to this section must provide an exception to the requirements described in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, for any building or facility that:

(a) Does not have a public restroom; or

(b) Has been issued a permit or license which restricts admission of children to the building or facility on the basis of age.

4. The provisions of this section apply, without limitation, to any school district for which a building code is adopted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 393.110.

Sec. 2. NRS 278.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

278.010 As used in NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 278.0103 to 278.0195, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 244.3675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244.3675 Subject to the limitations set forth in NRS 244.368, 278.02315, 278.580, 278.582, 278.586, 444.340 to 444.430, inclusive, and 477.030, *and section 1 of this act*, the boards of county commissioners within their respective counties may:

1. Regulate all matters relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, structures and property within the county.

2. Adopt any building, electrical, housing, plumbing or safety code necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such fees as may be necessary. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 278.580, these fees do not apply to the State of Nevada or the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Sec. 4. NRS 268.413 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.413 Subject to the limitations contained in NRS 244.368, 278.02315, 278.580, 278.582, 278.586, 444.340 to 444.430, inclusive, and 477.030, *and section 1 of this act*, the city council or other governing body of an incorporated city may:



1. Regulate all matters relating to the construction, maintenance and safety of buildings, structures and property within the city.

2. Adopt any building, electrical, plumbing or safety code necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such fees as may be necessary. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 278.580, those fees do not apply to the State of Nevada or the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on October 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

