


CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Code Memorandum

To: Department of Buildings Plan Examiners and Inspectors

From: Judith Frydland
Commissioner 

Date: February 8, 2016 (*revised and reissued November 27, 2017*)

Re: **Minimum Number of Public Restrooms for New Food Service Establishments**
(These Code requirements are in effect for any food establishments rehabbed or newly constructed after February 5th, 2016).

For new food service establishments (restaurants) with no more than **15** combined employees and seats (for patrons) at any one time, one single-user restroom is acceptable.

- The single restroom must be handicapped accessible and located in the public portion of the food service establishment.
- When the number of employees working at the same time is more than 5, then at least two single-user restrooms must be provided.