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R9-8-301. Definitions

In this Article:

1. "Clean" means free of dirt, litter, and the remains of something that has broken or torn into pieces.
2. "Complaint" means information indicating the need for inspection due to possible violations of this Article.
3. "Durable" means capable of withstanding expected use and remaining easily cleanable.
4. "Food establishment" means an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption.
5. "Human excreta" means fecal and urinary discharges and includes any waste that contains this material.
6. "Leakproof" means designed and constructed to prevent a substance from escaping.
7. "Non-absorbent" means incapable of being penetrated by liquid, such as a material coated or treated with rubber, plastic, or other sealing surface.
8. "Portable hand-wash station" means a transportable sink or basin with a faucet for cleaning hands that supplies water and is:
 - a. Not connected to a sewage collection system,
 - b. Connected to a leakproof tank to receive and store waste water, and
 - c. Located in a public place.
9. "Portable toilet enclosure" means a structure that is capable of being moved and that houses a public portable toilet.
10. "Public nuisance" means activities or conditions that may be subject to A.R.S. § 36-601.
11. "Public place" means all or any portion of an area, land, or structure that is open to or may be accessed by any individual.
12. "Public portable toilet" means a toilet seat and toilet, or toilet seat, toilet, and urinal that is:
 - a. Not connected to a sewage collection system,
 - b. Connected to a leakproof tank to receive and store sewage temporarily,
 - c. Located in a public place, and
 - d. Housed in a portable toilet enclosure.
13. "Public restroom" means a structure or room that:

- a. Is not connected to living or sleeping quarters;
 - b. Contains a lavatory and water closet or a lavatory, water closet, and urinal connected to a sewage collection system; and
 - c. Is located in a public place.
14. "Refuse" means the same as in A.A.C. R18-13-302.
15. "Regular basis" means at recurring, fixed, or uniform intervals.
16. "Regulatory authority" means:
- a. The Arizona Department of Health Services; or
 - b. One of the following entities as specified in A.R.S. § 36-136(E):
 - i. A local health department;
 - ii. A county environmental department; or
 - iii. A public health services district.
17. "Responsible person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision, state agency, or a public or private organization of any character that owns or manages the direct use of a public portable toilet within the state.
18. "Sanitary" means free from filth, bacteria, viruses, mold, and fungi.
19. "Sewage" means the waste from a toilet, urinal, sink, and portable hand-wash station.
20. "Sewage collection system" has the same meaning as in A.A.C. R18-9-101.
21. "Sewage storage tank" means a receptacle for the collection and holding of the waste from a portable toilet.
22. "Toilet" means a water-flushed, chemical-flushed, or no-flush bowl for the disposal of human excreta.
23. "Toilet seat" means a detachable, split or U-shaped seat made of non-absorbent material hinged to the top of a toilet and used for sitting.
24. "Urinal" means a water-flushed, chemical-flushed, or no-flush upright basin used or urination only.
25. "Vent pipe" means a hollow cylinder of metal, plastic, or other material that allows gas to escape from a sewage storage tank.
26. "Water closet" means the same as in A.R.S. § 45-311.

R9-8-302. General Requirements

- A.** A responsible person or the responsible person's designee shall comply with the requirements in this Article and with federal and state laws and rules and local codes and ordinances governing public portable toilets.

B. A violation of this Article shall constitute a public nuisance under A.R.S. § 36-601.

R9-8-303. Public Portable Toilet Requirements

A. A responsible person or the responsible person's designee shall ensure that:

1. A public portable toilet:
 - a. Is clean;
 - b. Is sanitary;
 - c. Is maintained to avoid odors and insect or vermin infestation;
 - d. Has a non-absorbent, durable, smooth, leakproof, and rustproof floor, wall, ceiling, and door materials;
 - e. Has a vent pipe connected to a sewage storage tank that:
 - i. Is wide enough in diameter to prevent the build up of gasses, and
 - ii. Extends upwards from the sewage storage tank through the roof of the portable toilet enclosure;
 - f. Has a supply of toilet paper that is replenished before running out; and
 - g. Has a self-closing door and privacy latch on the door;
2. Except as provided in subsection (B), one public portable toilet is deployed for the first 100 individuals using or expected to use public portable toilet facilities and one additional public portable toilet is deployed for each additional 100 individuals;
3. Each public portable toilet's sewage storage tank is pumped out on a regular basis to keep the public portable toilet operating as designed;
4. Facilities for washing or sanitizing hands are provided as follows:
 - a. Except as provided in subsection (B), working portable hand-wash stations are deployed at a minimum rate of one per 10 public portable toilets;
 - b. Soap, water, and single use towels are continuously provided at each portable hand-wash station; and
 - c. Where conditions make the use of soap and water impractical, the regulatory authority may allow sanitizing gel in place of soap and water; and
5. Public portable toilets are located a minimum of 100 feet from any food establishment.

B. A responsible person or the responsible person's designee shall ensure that sewage, human excreta, and refuse produced in a public portable toilet:

1. Does not create a public nuisance; and
2. Is disposed of according to 18 A.A.C. 13, Article 3 or 18 A.A.C. 13, Article 11.

- C. The regulatory authority may adjust the number of public portable toilets required in subsection (A)(2) and portable hand-wash stations required in (A)(5)(a) provided based on the estimated number of users, the duration of use, and the availability of public restrooms within 200 feet of the public portable toilet.

R9-8-304. Inspections

- A. If a regulatory authority receives a complaint regarding a public portable toilet, the regulatory authority may conduct an inspection.
- B. If a regulatory authority conducts an inspection, the regulatory authority's inspector shall conduct the inspection according to A.R.S. § 41-1009.