



# City of Raymore

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**Code Interpretation:** 2012 UPC Interpretation 01

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**Code/ Edition:** 2012 International Building Code  
2012 Uniform Plumbing Code

**Section(s):** IBC 2902.3.1; UPC 422.4.1

**Subject:** Accessible toilet rooms in mercantile occupancies

**Question:** Can a small retail store have restrooms located in the storage/stock room area as long as the access to that area is clearly identified with approved signage?

**Answer:** No

**Commentary:** IBC 2902.3 states customers, patrons and visitors shall be provided with public toilet facilities in structures and tenant spaces intended for public utilization. These public facilities must have an accessible route without passing through kitchens, storage rooms, closet or similar spaces and accessible to persons (IBC 1104.5) physically disabled.

Therefore, toilet facilities must be located directly adjacent to the public areas and / or accessed through a public corridor, vestibule or similar public space.

UPC 422.4 does allow stores to provide public toilet facilities in combination with other stores in a centrally located area with a maximum travel distance to this facility of 300 feet.

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