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**Re: 2010 OSSC Update
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Yes; I'm still here. Fall, for me, was a "crowded hour" as Theodore Roosevelt used the term; a time of great activity, not always enjoyable. Our middle kid got married; the month before the wedding our new daughter-in-law was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mastectomy happened the week before the wedding. Chemo continues for another month or so, and then radiation... An Unpleasant way to start a marriage. Our daughter and her family in Colorado also had some upheavals, and our younger son has issues with his brain chemistry. My own health issues have been more prominent in the recent months; more stuff to work through. On top of all of that stuff, I just finished the illustrations for a children's book. My mind hasn't been on Code stuff...

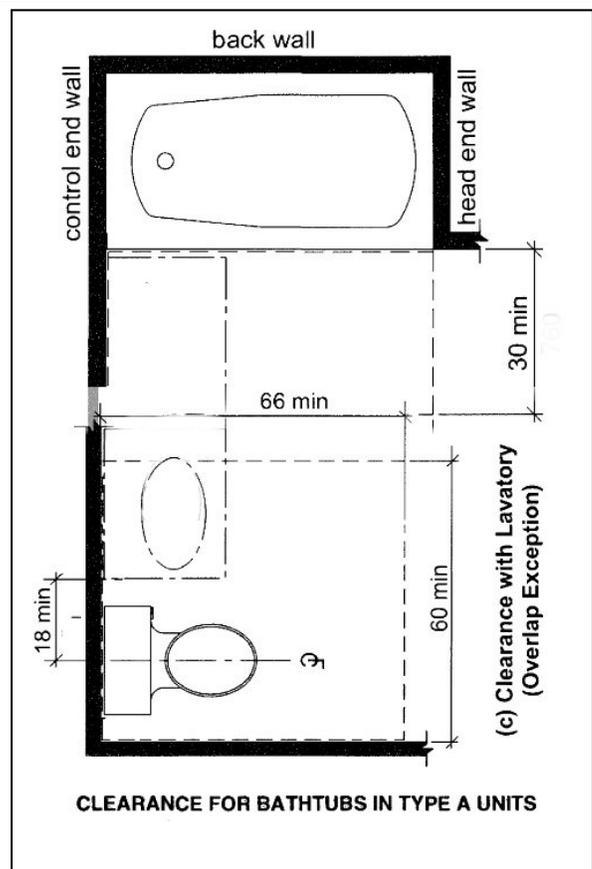
Technically I've retired [I know, a lot of you thought I was retired already—I merely took a Medical Leave of Absence from the City of Portland]; however I owe too many people too much money, to stop working. So, I'm still here.

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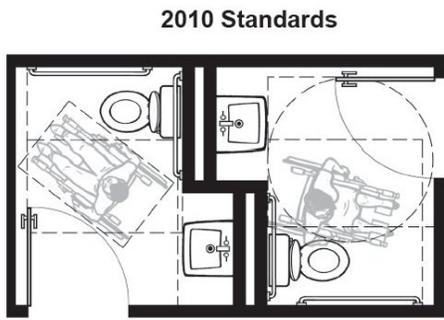
Back in Chapter 35 of the 2014 OSSC, in the section marked "ICC," the 2009 version of ICC A117.1 is referenced [aka ANSI A117.1-2009]. As so often happens when Codes get revised, the language in Chapter 10. Dwelling Units and Sleeping Units has been altered. In the 2003 version, the Code allowed for the possibility of pull-down grab bars adjacent to a toilet, rather than requiring a side wall for the installation of a grab bar. The language in [1003.11.4][2003] states, Where walls are located to permit the installation of grab bars...[emphasis added]; therefore, a toilet could be located between the lavatory/cabinet and a bathtub.

In the 2009 version, the language has been changed in its entirety. If one wades through the cross references, one finds that in a Type A unit, the toilet cannot be located between a lavatory/cabinet and a bathtub. The toilet shall have a side wall adjacent. This type of arrangement is only permitted in Type B units. In Type A units, the toilet requires a front approach.

For most Type A units, here is your more-or-less official bathroom design:



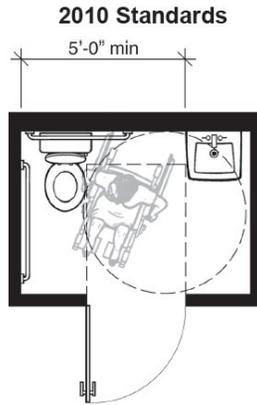
I checked with the State; the diagram I sent out a year or two ago still applies for situations other than Type A bathrooms in commercial R Occupancies:



2010 Standards
Plan-2C Pair: 2010 Standards with In-Swinging Doors

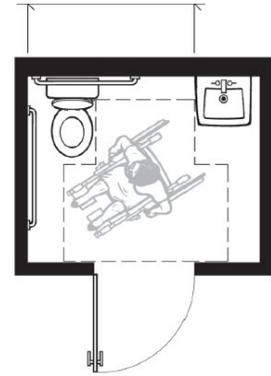
Two 7'-2" x 6'-6" Rooms - 82.00 Square Feet Total

This plan shows a men's/women's room configuration using Plan 2C.



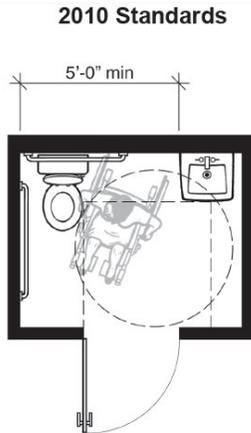
2010 Standards
Plan-1B: 2010 Standards Minimum with Out-Swinging Door

7'-0" x 5'-0" • 35.00 Square Feet



2010 Standards
Plan-3: Meets Both 1991 Standards and 2010 Standards

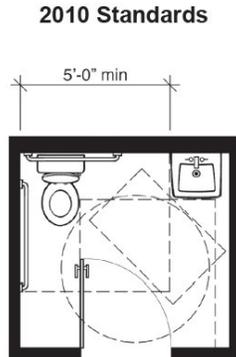
7'-0" x 5'-9" • 40.25 Square Feet



2010 Standards
Plan-1C: 2010 Standards Minimum with Out-Swinging Door

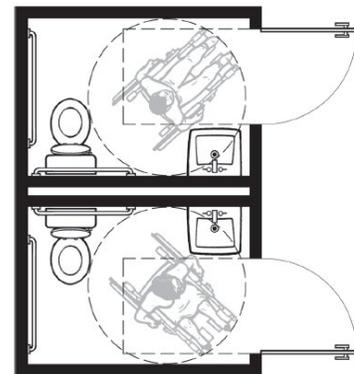
(entry door has both closer and latch)

7'-0" x 5'-6" • 38.50 Square Feet



2010 Standards
Plan-2B: 2010 Standards Minimum with In-Swinging Door

7'-0" x 6'-6" • 45.50 Square Feet



2010 Standards
Plan-1B Pair: 2010 Standards with Out-Swinging Doors

Two 7'-0" x 5'-0" Rooms – 70.00 Square Feet Total

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