

# Changes to Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 72

A summary of changes to ch. ATCP 72 Hotels, Motels, and Tourist Rooming Houses.

## Subchapter I Definitions, Authority, Purpose

ATCP 72.025 Variances.

- Existing process now included in rule.

ATCP 72.03 Definitions.

- Increase from 21 terms to 104 terms to include criticality (e.g., core, priority foundation, priority).

## Subchapter II Licensing and Fees

ATCP 72.06 Plan review.

- May require plan review for new or alterations to existing facilities.

ATCP 72.07 Licenses.

- Three license types: hotel/motel, tourist rooming house, specialty lodging unit.
- Range of licenses for each license type based on number of individually keyed units.
- Pre-inspection and fee for units added to existing licenses.

ATCP 72.08 Department fees.

- New fee tables to reflect various license types.

## Subchapter III Enforcement and Appeals

- No significant changes.

## Subchapter IV Inspections

ATCP 72.13 Qualifications of representative conducting inspection.

- Staffing qualification requirements.

ATCP 72.14 Inspection

- Covers a refused inspection, frequency of inspection, and inspection documentation.

## Subchapter V General Provisions

ATCP 72.15 Health and safety standard.

- Facilities shall be operated and maintained with a strict regard to public health and safety as determined by the Department administrative rule.

ATCP 72.16 Water supply.

- Allows for a shared well without additional Department approvals.
- Minimum hot water (85°F) temperature.
- Provides operations for temporary water service disruptions.
- Annual private well testing; bacteriological, nitrate.
- Procedures for confirmed waterborne disease outbreaks – intervention and remediation. In addition, guest notification and water management program prevention for *Legionella*.



ATCP 72.17 Sewage disposal system.

- Locking of POWTS access covers.
- Allowance of alternatives to water-carried waste plumbing fixtures.
- Slip-resistant flooring in showers and bathtubs.

ATCP 72.18 Building structure and safety.

- Handrails on staircases, guards on elevated surfaces and staircases.
- At least 50% of sleeping rooms needs a ceiling height of seven feet.
- Egress aisle of two feet from one side of each bed.
- Bunk bed standards for fall protection and clearances.
- TRH exiting requirements from sleeping rooms based on location (e.g., basement/ground floor, first floor, second floor, above second floor or loft.)
- Building evacuation diagrams for all licenses.
- Maintenance for emergency lighting, fire alarm systems, fire extinguishers, ventilation, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms.

ATCP 72.19 Building and premises maintenance.

- May require a licensed pest control operator for extensive infestations.

ATCP 72.20 Furnishings, equipment, utensils.

- Cleaning and sanitization of jetted, fill and drain bathtubs per manufacturer's directions.
- Expanded reusable utensil washing and sanitization methods.
- Removed 12-inch fold-back of top sheet over warmth layer.
- Nonabsorbent mattress protector to cover the sleeping surface of mattresses.

ATCP 72.21 Food.

- Details allowable food items for guests and requires removal of certain food items after checkout.

ATCP 72.22 Employee health.

- Requires employees to report to person in charge symptoms vomiting, diarrhea, or food/waterborne communicable diseases.
- Written procedures for responding to vomiting or diarrheal events.

ATCP 72.24 Registration of guests.

- Now includes phone number, mailing address or email address for contact.

ATCP 72.25 Death, injury, or illness reports.

- Reporting for death, injury, or food, waterborne or other communicable illness where EMS response is initiated by the operator.

ATCP 72.26 Closing criteria.

- Details eight items that would require closure of affected areas of a lodging facility.

Subchapter VI Specialty Lodging

ATCP 72.27 Exemptions.

- Absence of interior potable plumbing or water-carried waste plumbing fixtures.

ATCP 72.28 Prohibitions.

- Prohibition on food equipment or sinks to minimize the generation of wastewater.

ATCP 72.29 General provisions.

- Water and toilet within 400 feet walking distance.
- Communication to guests on the amenities that are provided.



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