

Recommended Amendments to the 2015 International Plumbing Code

City of Amarillo Texas

The following sections, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2015 International Plumbing Code* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the IPC. Underlined type is text inserted. Lined through type is deleted text from IPC. A double asterisk (**) at the beginning of a section identifies an amendment carried over from the 2012 edition of the code and a triple asterisk (***) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2015 code.

****Section 101.1.; change to read as follows: Insert: City of Amarillo**

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *International Plumbing Code* of [NAME OF JURISDICTION] City of Amarillo hereinafter referred to as "this code."

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption)

****106.6.1; change to read as follows:**

106.6.1 Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work on a plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees. fees as provided in Chapter 4-1 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

(Reason: Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 4-1-4, Late fee; offense provides specific language relating to this section)

****106.6.2; change to read as follows:**

Section 106.6.2 Fee schedule. ~~The fees for all plumbing work shall be as indicated in the following schedule:~~ [JURISDICTION TO INSERT APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE] Fees as provided in Chapter 4-1 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption)

****106.6.3; change to read as follows:**

106.6.3 Fee refunds. The code official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:

1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
2. Not more than [SPECIFY PERCENTAGE] percent of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.
3. Not more than [SPECIFY PERCENTAGE] percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.

~~The code official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.~~

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption)

****108.4; Delete entirely (covered by general provisions in Code of Ordinances):**

Section 108.5 Violations penalties. ~~Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair plumbing work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a [SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~

(Reason: Covered by general provisions in Amarillo Code of Ordinances)

****108.5; change to read as follows:**

108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the code official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable ~~to a fine of not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars.~~ for a fine as specified in the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

(Reason: For greater consistency with the general provisions in Amarillo Code of Ordinances)

****Section 305.4.1; change to read as follows:**

305.4.1 Sewer depth. Building Building sewers shall be a minimum of ~~[NUMBER]~~ 12 inches (305 mm) below grade.

(Reason: Provides sewer depth that is common in this region. Deleted reference to private sewage disposal because a private sewage disposal code is not typically adopted in this region.)

*****Section 312.2; change to read as follows:**

312.2 Drainage and vent water test.

A water test shall be applied to the drainage system either in its entirety or in sections. If applied to the entire system, all openings in the piping shall be tightly closed, except the highest opening, and the system shall be filled with water to the point of overflow. If the system is tested in sections, each opening shall be tightly plugged except the highest openings of the section under test, and each section shall be filled with water, but no section shall be tested with less than a ~~10-foot (3048 mm)~~ 5 foot (1524 mm) head of water. In testing successive sections, ~~at least the upper 10 feet (3048 mm) of the next preceding section~~ a lowest opening head test at each floor level if multiple floors shall be tested at the plumbing rough-in inspection. ~~and so that no joint or pipe in the building, except the uppermost 10 feet (3048 mm) of the system, shall have been submitted to a test of less than a 10-foot (3048 mm) head of water. This pressure test shall be held for not less than 15 minutes. The system shall then be tight at all points.~~

(Reason: Recognizing local construction practices and the need for ensure under floor plumbing is not damaged after all floor systems installed and prior to wall covering being installed.)

****Section 312.9; change to read as follows:**

312.9 Shower liner test.

Where shower floors and receptors are made water tight by the application of materials required by Section 417.5.2, the completed liner installation shall be tested prior to the installation of the shower floor covering. The pipe from the shower drain shall be plugged water tight for the test. The floor and receptor area shall be filled with potable water to a depth of not less than 2 inches (51mm) measured at the threshold. Where a threshold of at least 2 inches (51mm) high does not exist, a temporary threshold shall be constructed to retain the test water in the lined floor or receptor area to a level not less than 2 inches (51mm) deep measured at the threshold. The water shall be retained for a test period of not less than 15 minutes, and there shall not be evidence of leakage.

(Reason: Recognizing local construction practices and the need for ensure under floor plumbing systems installed watertight.)

****Sections 312.10.1 and 312.10.2; change to read as follows:**

312.10.1 Inspections. Annual inspections shall be made of all backflow prevention assemblies and air gaps to determine whether they are operable. In the absence of local provisions, the owner is responsible to ensure that testing is performed.

312.10.2 Testing. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventer assemblies, double check-valve assemblies, pressure vacuum breaker assemblies, reduced pressure detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies, double check detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies, hose connection backflow preventers, and spill-proof vacuum breakers shall be tested at the time of installation, immediately after repairs or relocation and at least annually. The testing procedure shall be performed in accordance with applicable local provisions. In the absence of local provisions, the owner is responsible to ensure that testing is done in accordance with one of the following standards:

{list of standards unchanged}

(Reason: Recognize TCEQ or other local testing procedures that must be adhered to. To place responsibility of testing on the owner.)

*****Section 702.1; Change to read as follows:**

702.1 Above-ground sanitary drainage and vent pipe.

Above-ground soil, waste and vent pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.1.

Table 702.1 ABOVE-GROUND DRAINAGE AND VENT PIPE

PIPE	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.1
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; CISPI 301; ASTM A 888
Copper or copper-alloy pipe	ASTM B 42; ASTM B 302
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K, L, M or DWV)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251; ASTM B 306
Galvanized steel pipe	ASTM A 53
Polyolefin pipe	CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 891; CSA B181.2; ASTM F 1488
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25 inch O.D. and a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2949; ASTM F 1488
Stainless steel drainage systems, Types 304 and 316L	ASME A 112.3.1

(Reason: The use of cellular core pipe has proven to be an inferior product; repair work has exposed the material will/may not retain its proper shape, visual inspection exposed oblong or egg shaped piping; furthermore damage has resulted from routine maintenance; unclogging drains, etc.)

*****Section 702.2; Change to read as follows:**

702.2 Underground building sanitary drainage and vent pipe.

Underground building sanitary drainage and vent pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.2.

TABLE 702.2 UNDERGROUND BUILDING DRAINAGE AND VENT PIPE

PIPE	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.1
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; CISPI 301; ASTM A 888
Copper or copper alloy tubing (Type K, L, M or DWV)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251;

	ASTM B 306
Polyolefin pipe	ASTM F 1412; CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488; CSA B181.2
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25 inch O.D. and a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2949; ASTM F 1488
Stainless steel drainage systems, Type 316L	ASME A 112.3.1

(Reason: The use of cellular core pipe has proven to be an inferior product; repair work has exposed the material will/may not retain its proper shape, visual inspection exposed oblong or egg shaped piping; furthermore damage has resulted from routine maintenance; unclogging drains, etc.)

****Section 702.3 Change to read as follows:**

702.3 Building sewer pipe.

Building sewer pipe shall conform to one of the standards listed in Table 702.3.

TABLE 702.3 BUILDING SEWER PIPE

MATERIAL	STANDARD
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with a solid, cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2661; ASTM F 628; ASTM F 1488
Cast-iron pipe	ASTM A 74; ASTM A 888; CISPI 301
Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters, including SDR 42 (PS 20), PS35, SDR 35 (PS 45), PS50, PS100, PS140, SDR 23.5 (PS 150) and PS200; with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM F 1488; ASTM D 2751
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in sewer and drain diameters, including PS 25, SDR 41 (PS 28), PS 35, SDR 35 (PS 46), PS 50, PS 100, SDR 26 (PS 115), PS140 and PS 200; with a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM F 891; ASTM F 1488; ASTM D 3034; CSA B182.2; CSA B182.4
Concrete pipe	ASTM C 14; ASTM C 76; CSA A257.1M; CSA A257.2M
Copper or copper-alloy tubing (Type K or L)	ASTM B 75; ASTM B 88; ASTM B 251
Polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe (SDR-PR)	ASTM F 714
Polyolefin pipe	ASTM F 1412; CSA B181.3
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe in IPS diameters, including schedule 40, DR 22 (PS 200) and DR 24 (PS 140); with solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2665; ASTM D 2949; ASTM D 3034; ASTM F 1412; CSA B182.2; CSA B182.4
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe with a 3.25 inch O.D. and a solid cellular core or composite wall	ASTM D 2949, ASTM F 1488
Stainless steel drainage systems, Types 304 and 316L	ASME A 112.3.1
Vitrified clay pipe	ASTM C 425; ASTM C 700

(Reason: The use of cellular core pipe has proven to be an inferior product; repair work has exposed the material will/may not retain its proper shape, visual inspection exposed oblong or egg shaped piping; furthermore damage has resulted from routine maintenance; unclogging drains, etc.)

****Section 903.1; change to read as follows:**

903.1 Roof extension. All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least ~~[NUMBER]~~ 12 inches (305 mm) above the roof, except that where a roof is to be used for any purpose other than weather protection, the vent extensions shall be run at least 7 feet (2134 mm) above the roof.

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption)

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