Minimum Plumbing Requirements

These are the minimum conditions for gas work or service changes on existing residences to meet the standard housing code, city ordinances, and the standard gas code.

- 1. Owners may obtain a permit for work in a personal residence ONLY. All RENTAL and COMMERCIAL property work MUST be permitted by licensed contractors.
- 2. Replacement sewer lines shall be at least Schedule 20 ASTM 3034 piping laid with a 1/8 inch drop per foot for its entire length.
- 3. Replacement sewer lines shall have a two-way cleanout installed within 3 feet of the structure being served, with additional cleanouts every 80 feet as necessary.
- 4. Cleanouts shall not be used for the installation of new fixtures or floor drains.
- 5. Replacement water heaters, whether gas or electric, shall be placed in a pan (metal for gas, plastic for electric) when the water heater is located in an area where property damage may occur from leakage.
- 6. Replacement water heater temperature-pressure valves shall be piped full size to the exterior of the building not less than 6 inches above grade.
- 7. Gas water heaters shall NOT be installed in bedrooms or baths.
- 8. A 3 inch main vent is required on all D.W.V. Systems.
- 9. The temperature of mixed water to individual shower or tub/shower combinations SHALL be controlled by a scald prevention valve.
- 10. The vertical drop from fixture drain to trap wier shall NOT exceed 24 inches.
- 11. Washing machine boxes shall be installed on a 2 inch waste line with a separate 2 inch trap.
- 12. Washing machine boxes shall be installed with the box inlet not closer than 24 inches to the trap, nor more than 48 inches from the trap.
- 13. Washing machine box inlets shall not be installed lower than 34 inches from the finished floor.
- 14. No more than 20 fixture units may be placed on a 3 inch drain line. No more than 2 toilets may be placed on a 3 inch drain line.
- 15. P.V.C. plastic pipe shall NOT be used as water distribution piping.
- 16. Saddle-type taps are prohibited for plumbing any fixture.
- 17. A water test maintaining at least a 5 foot head above the highest horizontal branch is required on all newly installed Drain-Waste-Vent plumbing systems.
- 18. 100 lb. pressure test required on water distribution system