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Building & Safety Division Bulletin

Use of PEX Water Piping in Rancho Cordova

Effective on July 1, 2010, the State of California, in response to a lawsuit, was ordered to repeal certain sections of the California Plumbing Code that dealt specifically with the use of PEX water piping. The provisions being repealed are California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5 (California Plumbing Code), section 604.11 and Table 6-4, which authorized the use of PEX water supply piping. Additionally, this action repeals the amendments added to California Plumbing Code Table 6-4.

However, the ruling does allow for the local jurisdiction to approve the use of PEX on a case-by-case basis as provided in California Plumbing Code Sections 108.7 and 301.2. The City of Rancho Cordova will allow the use of PEX water piping as provided in City Building & Safety Policy # PR-1 Use of PEX Piping as Alternate Material in Residential Construction, copies of which are available at our public counter, or on our website, www.cityofranhocordova.org.

The State Building Standards Commission (CBSC) is working on complying with the court order to re-submit revised environmental documentation on the safety of the PEX products. If acceptable to the court, the use of PEX will be once again be allowed state-wide with no special approval from the local jurisdiction required.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact a Building & Safety Division staff member at (916) 851-8760, or at PermitServices@cityofranhocordova.org.