

CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

CHAPTER 41 – PLUMBING STANDARDS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland 3-10-77 as Ord. No. 329.
Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I – ESTABLISHMENT

41.1.01 Adoption of standards by reference. (41-1)

The International Plumbing Code, latest edition, is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of the Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, for the control of the installation, repair and alteration of plumbing as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said code, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as is fully set out in this chapter. [Amended 4-15-03 by Ord. No. 2003-2.]

41.1.02 Plumbing Official. (41-2)

- A. The administrative authority of this Plumbing Code shall be the Plumbing Official.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Official to enforce the provisions of said Plumbing Code and to make the inspections and tests required thereunder.
- C. The Plumbing Official shall, after proper identification, have the right to enter any premises for the purpose of inspecting any plumbing system at such times as may be reasonably necessary to protect the public health.
- D. The Plumbing Official shall be appointed by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland.
- E. The Plumbing Official shall make such rules and regulations in furtherance of the purposes of this Plumbing Code and not inconsistent with the specific provisions thereof as may be deemed necessary to properly protect the water supply system and to carry out the purposes of this Plumbing Code, including rules and regulations for the installation, repair or alteration of air-conditioning systems, water-treatment equipment, and water-operated devices.

41.1.03 Amendments, additions and deletions. (41-3)

The following changes shall be made in the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code, Third Edition, 1975:

- A. Section P-112.1 of said BOCA Code is amended by deleting the word "may" in the first line thereof and substituting therefore the word "shall".
- B. Section P-117.0 is deleted and the following substituted therefore:

Section P-117.0 VIOLATIONS:

P-117.1 General: Written notice of any violation of this code shall be given any violator thereof, and upon his failure to remove the violation within a reasonable time, but not more than seven (7) days, prosecution for violation of this code may be commenced against him.

P-117.2 Penalties:

[As passed 12-18-2001 as part of Ord. No.2001-13, all fees for this and subsequent parts of the borough code are determined by council resolution.]

Each day that a violation continues after the time specified by the Plumbing Official for corrections of said violation in the notice given pursuant to this code shall be deemed a separate offense.

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C. SECTION P-118.0 APPEALS

P-118.1. General: Any person who is aggrieved with the ruling or decision of the enforcing officer in any matter relative to the interpretation or enforcement of any of the provisions of this code may take an appeal to the Board of Appeals.

P-119.2. Board of Appeals: The Board of Appeals shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland.

P-118.3. Time of appeal: The appeal must be filed in the Borough Office, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of the rendition of the decision or interpretation of the enforcing officer, except that, where circumstances exist which in the opinion of the enforcing officer are hazardous or dangerous to human life or the public welfare, the enforcing officer may in his notice or order to the violator limit the time for such appeal to a shorter period.

P-118.4. Hearing: The Board of Appeals shall meet upon notice of the Chairman within fifteen (15) days of the filing of an appeal. The meeting shall be public, and the appellant, his representative, the enforcing officer and any other person whose interest may be affected by the matter on appeal shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

The words "one hundred fifty (150)" shall be inserted in the third line of Section P-308.2 of said Code in place of the word [number]".

The words "three (3) feet six (6) inches" shall be inserted in the third line of Section P-313.3 of said Code in place of the words "[number] feet [number] inches".