

**BUILDING DIVISION DIRECTIVE  
P-003**

Reference: CPC 701.1.2.2  
Date: March 19, 2013

**ABS and PVC use for Drain/Waste and Vent Piping within  
Residential Buildings Classified as Three (3) Stories or More**

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This Directive is intended to clarify the implementation of Section 701.1.2.2 of the 2010 California Plumbing Code, which states:

**[HCD 1 & HCD 2] ABS and PVC installations are limited to not more than two stories of areas of residential accommodation.**

This section shall be modified for new projects within the City of San Jose with the following provisions:

*Fixture drain parts such as tailpieces, traps, trap arms, and bathtub waste and overflow fittings shall be of approved materials in accordance with one of the referenced standards including PVC and ABS in Table 7-1 of 2010 California Plumbing Code for all residential accommodations.*

*In buildings of fire-resistive construction, the rated membrane or assembly shall not be compromised by the use of combustible piping. The use of ABS and PVC fixture drain parts shall be restricted to within the individual dwelling unit or a listed penetration showing the penetrating materials and rating consistent with the rated assembly being penetrated will be required*

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