

 <p>CITY OF SAN JOSE CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY</p> <p><i>Planning, Building and Code Enforcement</i></p>	P-004 – BUILDING DIVISION DIRECTIVE	AUGUST 20,2025
ABS/PVC FOR DRAIN, WASTE AND VENT PIPING, BELOW SLAB, IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS		

Under slab Plumbing Materials in Residential Buildings greater than 2 stories

This Directive is intended to clarify the implementation of Section 701 of the 2022 California Plumbing Code:

[HCD 1 and HCD 2] ABS and PVC installations are limited *to buildings* with not more than two stories of residential accommodation and Materials for drainage shall be per CPC Table 701.2.

The proposed installation shall comply with all relative code sections with the exception that where piping is installed underground, below slab ABS and PVC shall be allowed.

All plastic piping installations below slab shall be installed with proper bedding and backfill in accordance with all relative code.