

4101:3-1-01 Administration.

Section 101 **General**

101.1 Incorporation by Reference, Title and Rules of Construction. Except as provided in Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Administrative Code, the International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition, Chapters 2 through 15, as published by the “International Code Council, Inc.” including all subsequently published errata and printings, and readily available at <https://www.iccsafe.org>, are hereby incorporated by reference in accordance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code as if set out at length herein.

101.1.1 Rules of Construction. The following rules of construction are to be applied to the Administrative Code:

1. All references to the International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Residential Code mean the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, Ohio Plumbing Code, and Residential Code of Ohio, respectively, unless otherwise noted. References to “this code” in Sections 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Administrative Code mean the “Ohio Plumbing Code.” References to “plumbing code” in divisions 4101:1, 4101:2, 4101:3 and 4101:8 of the Administrative Code mean “Ohio Plumbing Code.”

2. The phrase “applicable energy conservation code referenced in Chapter 13 of the building code” is substituted for “International Energy Conservation Code.”

3. Except as otherwise noted, “Chapter 34 of the building code” is substituted for “International Existing Building Code.”

4. The terms “approval” or “approvals” are substituted for “permit” or “permits,” respectively, when referring to documentation indicating compliance with this code.

5. The phrase “owner’s representative” is substituted for “owner’s authorized agent.”

6. Except as otherwise noted, “building official” is substituted for “fire code official.”

7. The phrase “building official” is substituted for “code official.”

8. The provisions of this code are mandatory whether or not the term “shall” is used.

101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code apply to the design, installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use and inspection of plumbing systems within buildings. This code also applies to those

other systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed herein.

101.3 Administrative and enforcement. For administrative and enforcement provisions of this code, refer to sections 101.2 to 114 of the building code.

101.3.1 Specific enforcement. Enforcement of the provisions in sections 307, 310, 314, 403, 404 and 603 of this code is the responsibility of the certified *building official* of the certified municipal, county, or township building department having jurisdiction or the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance.

101.3.2 Enforcement of medical gas systems. Plan review and inspection of nonflammable medical gas and vacuum systems is to be performed by one of the following:

- a. A building department certified to enforce medical gas systems and having in its employ or under contract a certified medical gas inspector; or
- b. A local health district requesting enforcement responsibility and having in its employ or under contract a certified medical gas inspector; or
- c. If a certified department does not hold the certification to enforce medical gas piping system requirements and a local health district does not request enforcement authority, then the enforcement is to be done by the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce.

101.4 Referenced standards. When a reference is made within the building, mechanical, or plumbing codes to a federal statutory provision, an industry consensus standard, or any other technical publication, the specific date and title of the publication as well as the name and address of the promulgating agency are listed in Chapter 35 of the building code, Chapter 15 of the mechanical code, or Chapter 15 of the plumbing code.

The codes and standards referenced in the building, mechanical, and plumbing codes are considered part of the requirements of these codes as though the text were printed in this code, to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of these codes and the referenced standards, the provisions of these codes apply.