

**RULE NO.: R161-23.15**

**NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION**

**ADOPTION DATE: 8/10/2023**

By: José G. Roig, CBO, CCEA, Director  
Development Services

The Director of the Development Services Department has adopted the following rule. Notice of the proposed rule was posted on 7/6/2023. Public comment on the proposed rule was solicited in the 7/6/2023 notice. This notice is issued under Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The adoption of a rule may be appealed to the City Manager in accordance with Section 1-2-10 of the City Code as explained below.

A copy of the complete text of the adopted rule is attached to this notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE**

A rule adopted by this notice is effective on 8/10/2023.

**TEXT OF ADOPTED RULE**

R161-23.15 Notice of Adoption to Section 5.6.2.13 in the Building Criteria Manual contains no changes from the proposed rule.

**5.6.2.13 - AIR TEST ON PLASTIC NON-PRESSURE PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

Add new section to the Building Criteria Manual to provide safety requirements when the responsible master plumber determines that low-pressure air testing under constant pressure will be utilized for a plastic non-pressure plumbing system (i.e., PVC piping systems).

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

The Development Services Department did not receive comments regarding Rule R161-23.15.

**AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF RULE**

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate construction requirements is established in Chapter 25-12 of the City Code.

## **APPEAL OF ADOPTED RULE TO CITY MANAGER**

A person may appeal the adoption of a rule to the City Manager. **AN APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK NOT LATER THAN THE 30TH DAY AFTER THE DATE THIS NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION IS POSTED. THE POSTING DATE IS NOTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NOTICE.** If the 30th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday, an appeal may be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official city holiday.

An adopted rule may be appealed by filing a written statement with the City Clerk. A person who appeals a rule must (1) provide the person's name, mailing address, and telephone number; (2) identify the rule being appealed; and (3) include a statement of specific reasons why the rule should be modified or withdrawn.

Notice that an appeal was filed and will be posted by the city clerk. A copy of the appeal will be provided to the City Council. An adopted rule will not be enforced pending the City Manager's decision. The City Manager may affirm, modify, or withdraw an adopted rule. If the City Manager does not act on an appeal on or before the 60th day after the date the notice of rule adoption is posted, the rule is withdrawn. Notice of the City Manager's decision on an appeal will be posted by the city clerk and provided to the City Council.

On or before the 16th day after the city clerk posts notice of the City Manager's decision, the City Manager may reconsider the decision on an appeal. Not later than the 31st day after giving written notice of an intent to reconsider, the City manager shall make a decision.

## **CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY**

By signing this Notice of Rule Adoption R161-23.15 the City Attorney certifies that the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

## **REVIEWED AND APPROVED**

  
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Jose G. Roig, CBO, CCEA, Director  
Development Services Department

Date: 08/08/2023

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Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

Date: 8/08/2023

### **5.6.2.13 Air Test on Plastic Non-Pressure Plumbing Systems**

When determined by the responsible master plumber that low-pressure air testing will be utilized, a low-pressure air test under constant pressure for a plastic non-pressure plumbing system shall meet the following requirements:

1. Relief valve with a maximum range of 10 psi;
2. Pressure gauge with a range up to 6 psi with an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  percent of the span;
3. Plumbing system must hold 3 psi for 15 minutes;
4. Pressure bleed valve;
5. Use only Schrader valve for charging the system;
6. When testing a plumbing rough, the gauge must be on the riser closest to the perimeter forms; and
7. If an apparatus is assembled, it shall not create undue strain on the plastic non-pressure pipe. If hoses are used, the apparatus shall be in a position that allows viewing of pressure reading without requiring handling by the inspector.