

1.1 **Department of Labor and Industry**

1.2 **Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Plumbing Code and Plumbing Licensing**
1.3 **and Registration**

1.4 **4715.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

1.5 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 2. **Administrative authority.** "Administrative authority" means the
1.7 commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry. (When a governmental subdivision adopts
1.8 and maintains a comprehensive plumbing enforcement program that is conducted
1.9 by personnel who are knowledgeable about plumbing installation requirements, and
1.10 includes enforcement of all code provisions including materials, methods, inspection,
1.11 and testing, the administrative authority shall be the governing body of the adopting
1.12 unit of government, its agents, and employees; however, the commissioner of ~~health~~
1.13 labor and industry retains the ultimate authority to enforce Minnesota Statutes, sections
1.14 ~~326.37 to 326.45~~ 326B.43 to 326B.49, and provisions of this chapter that are necessary to
1.15 ensure compliance.)

1.16 Subp. 3. **Air break (~~drainage system~~).** "Air break (~~drainage system~~)" means a
1.17 piping arrangement in which a fixture, appliance, or device is protected from backflow by
1.18 discharging at or below the flood level rim of another fixture or receptacle whose flood
1.19 level rim is lower than the bottom of the protected fixture, appliance, or device.

1.20 Subp. 4. **Air gap (~~drainage system~~).** "Air gap (~~drainage system~~)" when used in
1.21 reference to the drainage system means the unobstructed vertical distance through the
1.22 free atmosphere between the outlet of a waste pipe and the flood level rim of the fixture
1.23 or receptacle into which it is discharging.

1.24 Subp. 5. **Air gap (~~water distribution system~~).** "Air gap (~~water distribution system~~)"
1.25 when used in reference to the water distribution system means the unobstructed vertical
1.26 distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet

2.1 supplying water to a tank, plumbing fixture, or other device, and the flood level rim of
2.2 the receptacle.

2.3 [For text of subps 6 to 45, see M.R.]

2.4 Subp. 45a. **Factory-trained installer.** "Factory-trained installer" means a person
2.5 who has received training from the manufacturer on installation of that manufacturer's
2.6 specific plumbing product, and holds a valid certificate of competency issued by the
2.7 manufacturer for the completion of that training.

2.8 [For text of subps 46 to 55, see M.R.]

2.9 Subp. 55a. **Fouling waste.** "Fouling waste" means waste that is harmful to the
2.10 drainage system consisting of grease, dairy, heavy solids, animal matters, feathers, or
2.11 similar waste that may settle out or deposit on pipes, reducing effective pipe diameter, or
2.12 otherwise impeding flow.

2.13 [For text of subps 56 to 60, see M.R.]

2.14 Subp. 61. **Individual sewage disposal system.** "Individual sewage disposal system"
2.15 means a system for disposal of domestic sewage by means of a septic tank, cesspool,
2.16 or mechanical treatment, designed for use apart from a public sewer to serve a single
2.17 establishment or building as regulated under rules administered by the Pollution Control
2.18 Agency.

2.19 [For text of subps 62 to 67, see M.R.]

2.20 Subp. 67a. **Food establishment.** "Food establishment" as used in this chapter means
2.21 a "food and beverage service establishment" as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes,
2.22 section 157.15, subdivision 5, or a "place of business" as that term is defined in Minnesota
2.23 Statutes, section 28A.03, subdivision 4.

2.24 [For text of subps 68 to 70, see M.R.]

3.1 Subp. 71. **Main.** "Main" means the ~~principle~~ principal pipe artery to which branches
3.2 may be connected.

3.3 [For text of subps 72 to 128, see M.R.]

3.4 **4715.0200 BASIC PLUMBING PRINCIPLES.**

3.5 This code is founded upon certain basic principles of environmental sanitation
3.6 and safety through properly designed, acceptably installed and adequately maintained
3.7 plumbing systems. Some of the details of plumbing construction may vary but the basic
3.8 sanitary and safety principles desirable and necessary to protect the health of the people
3.9 are the same everywhere. As interpretations may be required, and as unforeseen situations
3.10 arise which are not specifically covered in this code, the twenty three principles which
3.11 follow shall be used to define the intent.

3.12 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

3.13 D. The building sewer in every building with installed plumbing fixtures and
3.14 intended for human habitation, occupancy, or use when located on premises where the
3.15 authority having jurisdiction has determined that a public sewer is available ~~within a~~
3.16 ~~reasonable distance~~ shall be connected to the public sewer.

3.17 [For text of items E to T, see M.R.]

3.18 U. If water closets or other plumbing fixtures are installed in a building where
3.19 there is no public sewer ~~within a reasonable distance~~ available as determined by the
3.20 authority having jurisdiction, suitable provision must be made for treatment of the building
3.21 sewage by methods which meet the design criteria of the Minnesota Pollution Control
3.22 Agency ~~as prescribed in chapter 7080. One-family and two-family dwellings must comply~~
3.23 ~~with applicable local ordinances.~~

3.24 [For text of items V and W, see M.R.]

3.25 **4715.0420 STANDARDS FOR PLUMBING MATERIALS.**

4.1 Subpart 1. **Approved materials.** A material shall be considered approved if it
4.2 meets one or more of the standards cited in subpart 3. All approved materials shall be
4.3 certified to the listed standard by an independent accredited third-party certification
4.4 agency. Certification reports shall be made available to the administrative authority when
4.5 requested. Materials not listed in subpart 3 shall be used only as provided for in part
4.6 4715.0330, or as permitted elsewhere in this code.

4.7 Subp. 2. **Abbreviations.** Abbreviations in ~~subpart 3~~ this chapter refer to the
4.8 following:

4.9 [For text of items A to H, see M.R.]

4.10 I. AASHTO, American Association of State and Highway Transportation
4.11 Officials, 444 North Capital Street Northwest, Suite 249, Washington, D. C. 20001-;

4.12 J. IAPMO, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials,
4.13 5001 E. Philadelphia St., Ontario, California 91761;

4.14 K. ASSE, American Society of Sanitary Engineering, 901 Canterbury Road,
4.15 Suite A, Westlake, Ohio 44145-1480.

4.16 Subp. 3. **Standards for plumbing materials.**

	DESCRIPTION	ANSI	ASTM	FS	OTHER
4.17					
4.18	I. CAST IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS				
4.19		A21.2			
4.20		A21.6	A-74	WW-P-401C	CS188
4.21	1A Cast Iron Pipe and				
4.22	Fittings Extra Heavy	A21.8			

4.23	1B	Cast Iron Pipe				
4.24		Centrifugally Cast				
4.25		Only and Fittings	A21.6	A-74	WW-P-401C	CS188
4.26		Service Weight	A21.8			
5.1	1C	Cast Iron Mechanical	A21.11			
5.2		(Gland Type) Pipe	A21.2		WW-P-421a	
5.3			A21.6			
5.4	1D	Cast Iron Mechanical	A21.8			
5.5		(Gland Type) Pipe	A21.4			
5.6		Cement Lined	A21.2			
5.7			A21.6			
5.8			A21.8			
5.9	1E	Cast Iron Short	A21.10			AWWA C100
5.10		Body Water Service				
5.11		Fittings (2"-12")				
5.12	1F	Cast Iron Threaded	A40.5			
5.13		Pipe				
5.14	1G	High Silicon Pipe,				
5.15		Fittings Cast Iron				
5.16	1H	Cast Iron Threaded				
5.17		Fittings Black and				
5.18		Galvanized 125#	B16.4		WW-P-501	
5.19	1J	Cast Iron Drainage				
5.20		Fittings Black and				
5.21		Galvanized	B16.12		WW-P-491	
5.22	1K	Hubless Cast Iron		<u>A888-07a</u>		CISPI Standard
5.23		Pipe and Fittings				301-69F
5.24						<u>301-05</u>
5.25						CSA/CAN
5.26						3-B70

5.27	1L	Ductile Iron Pipe			
5.28		Flanged	A21.15		AWWA C115
6.1	1M	Ductile Iron Pipe			
6.2		Rubber Gasket			
6.3		<u>Push-on Joints,</u>			
6.4		<u>Mechanical Joints</u>	A21.51		AWWA C151
6.5	II.	STEEL AND WROUGHT IRON PIPE FITTINGS			
6.6	2A	Steel Pipe, Welded			
6.7		and Seamless			
6.8		Galvanized,			
6.9		Schedule 40 and			
6.10		Above	B36.1	A53	
6.11			B36.20		WW-P-406
6.12					6(1)
6.13	2B	Wrought Iron Pipe,			
6.14		Galvanized Schedule			
6.15		40 and Above	B36.2		
6.16	2C(a)	Stainless Steel Pipe	B36.19		
6.17	2C(b)	Stainless Steel Pipe	A112.3.1		
6.18	2D	Galvanized			
6.19		Malleable Fittings			
6.20		150 psi and Above	B16.3	A197	
6.21	2E	Steel Unions,			
6.22		Galvanized			WW-V-531 C
6.23	2F	Corrugated Steel			
6.24		Pipe, Aluminized			
6.25		and fittings		A760	AASHTO M36
6.26		(18- to 120-inch)		A796	
6.27		(Storm only)			

6.28	III.	COPPER AND COPPER BASE PIPE AND FITTINGS			
7.1	3A	Red Brass Pipe,			
7.2		Regular and Heavier	H27.1	B42B	
7.3	3B	Seamless Brass Tube	H36.1		
7.4	3C	Brass or Bronze			
7.5		Threaded Fittings			
7.6		125 lbs. and Over	B16.15	B62	WW-P-460
7.7	3D	Brass or Bronze Flare			
7.8		Fittings 125 lbs. and			
7.9		Over, Heavy Duty			
7.10		Long Collar Type		B62	
7.11	3E	Seamless Copper			
7.12		Tube Type K, Soft			
7.13		Temper	H23.1	B88	
7.14	3F	Seamless Copper			
7.15		Tube Type K, Hard			
7.16		Temper	H23.1	B88	
7.17	3G	Seamless Copper			
7.18		Tube Type L, Soft			
7.19		Temper	H23.1	B88	
7.20	3H	Seamless Copper			
7.21		Tube Type L, Hard			
7.22		Temper	H23.1	B88	
7.23	3H(a)	Welded Copper Alloy			OFT194-101A
7.24		194 Water, Tube,			
7.25		Type "Heavy," Hard			Navfac
7.26		Temper		B543-72	TS-15400

7.27	3H(b)	Stainless Steel			
7.28		Water Tubing,			
7.29		Type SL, Copper			
7.30		Plated Coating			
7.31		(HWT-T439)		A-651	
8.1	3J	Seamless Copper			
8.2		Tube, Type M, Hard			
8.3		and Soft Temper	H23.1	B88	
8.4	3J(a)	Welded Copper Alloy			
8.5		194 Water			OFT194-101A
8.6		Tube, Type			
8.7		"Standard," Hard			Navfac
8.8		Temper		B543-72	TS-15400
8.9	3J(b)	Stainless Steel Water	A-268		
8.10		Tubing, Type			
8.11		SM, Copper			
8.12		Plated Coating			
8.13		(HWT-T439)		A-651	
8.14	3K	Seamless Copper			
8.15		Tube Type DWV	H23.3	B306	
8.16	3L	Copper Pipe I.P.S.	H26.1	B42	
8.17	3M	Copper Pipe,			
8.18		Threadless Type			
8.19		T P and Fittings	H26.2	B302	
8.20	3N	Cast Bronze and	B16.22		
8.21		Wrought Solder Joint	H23.1		
8.22		Pressure Fitting	B16.18		
8.23	3O	Cast Bronze and			
8.24		Wrought Solder Joint			
8.25		D W V Fittings	B16.23		

8.26	3P	Copper Alloy Water			
8.27		Tube 1/2 Inch and	B447		
8.28		3/4 Inch	B75		
9.1	3Q	Welded Brass Water	B587		
9.2		Tube 1/2 Inch and			
9.3		3/4 Inch			
9.4	<u>3R</u>	<u>Removable and</u>			<u>NSF 61</u>
9.5		<u>Nonremovable</u>			<u>ASSE 1061-06</u>
9.6		<u>Push-Fit Fittings</u>			
9.7		<u>for Copper Pipe (3/8</u>			
9.8		<u>to 2 inches only)</u>			
9.9	IV.	LEAD PIPE AND FITTINGS			
9.10	4A	Lead Pipe AA		WW-P-325-44	
9.11	4B	Lead Pipe AAA		WW-P-325-44	
9.12	4C	Lead Bends and			
9.13		Traps		WW-P-325-44	
9.14	4D	Sheet Lead		QQ-L201d	
9.15	V.	SILICA AND EARTH PRODUCTS PIPE AND FITTINGS, NONMETALLIC			
9.16	5A	Asbestos-Cement	C500	SS-P351	
9.17		Pressure Pipe and Fitting	C296		
9.18	5B	Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe			
9.19		and Fittings	C500	SS-P-351	AWWA C400
9.20	5C	Asbestos-Cement Nonpressure			
9.21		Pipe and Fittings	C428	XX-P-331	
9.22	5D	Asbestos-Cement Perforated			
9.23		Underdrain Pipe and Fittings	C508		

9.24	5E	Vitrified Clay Pipe, Standard	C13		
9.25		Strength and Stronger Fittings	C200		
9.26	5F	Unglazed Clay Pipe, Extra			
9.27		Strength and Fittings	C278		
10.1	5G	Perforated Clay Pipe and			
10.2		Fittings	C211		
10.3	5H	Borosilicate Glass Pipe and			
10.4		Fittings 60 psi			
10.5	5J	Nonreinforced Concrete Drain			AASHTO
10.6		Tile	C412		M178
10.7					AASHTO
10.8					M86
10.9	5K	Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe	C14	SS-P-371	CSA-A257.1
10.10	5L	Perforated Concrete Pipe,			
10.11		Underdrainage	C444		
10.12	5M	Reinforced Concrete Pipe	C76	SS-P-375	CSA-A257.2
10.13	5N	Reinforced and Prestressed			
10.14		Concrete Pipe, Pressure Type			
10.15		and Fittings			
10.16	5O	Bituminized Fiber Drain and			
10.17		Sewer Pipe	D1860	SS-P-1540A	
10.18	5P	Perforated Bituminized Fiber			
10.19		Pipe for General Drainage	D2311	SS-P-1540A	
10.20	VI.	PLASTIC PIPE AND FITTINGS DRAIN, WASTE AND VENT			
10.21	6A	Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene	D2661	L-P-322a	NSF14
10.22		(ABS)		FHA-MPS	CSA-B181.1
10.23					CS270

10.24		Type 1, Schedule 40 Cellular			
10.25		core	F628		
10.26	6B	(1) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	D2665	L-P-320a	NSF14
10.27		Schedule 40 Unthreaded		FHA-MPS	CS272
10.28		Schedule 80 can be threaded			CSA-B181.2
11.1		Cellular core	F891		
11.2		Fabricated Fittings (8- to	D3311		
11.3		24-inch)			
11.4		Fabricated Fittings (8-inch and	F1866		
11.5		larger with mitered joints 4-inch			
11.6		and larger)			
11.7	6B	(2) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)			
11.8		Schedule 30 (3-inch only)	D2949	L-P-001221	
11.9	6B	(3) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)			
11.10		Schedule 40 (14- to 24-inch			
11.11		only) with ASTM D3311 fittings	D1785		
11.12		Fabricated Fittings (8-inch and	F1866		
11.13		larger with mitered joints 4-inch			
11.14		and larger)			
11.15	6B	(4) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)			
11.16		Schedule 40 and 80 SDR 21 and			
11.17		SDR 26 (6-inch and larger)	D2241		
11.18	6B	(5) Corrugated Poly-vinyl			
11.19		Chloride (PVC) Schedule 40 (4-			
11.20		to 36-inch) with ASTM D3212			
11.21		fittings (Storm only)	F949		
11.22		BUILDING SEWER			
11.23	6C	(1) Styrene – Rubber	D2852		CS228

11.24	6C	(2) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	D3034	WW-P-00380a	CSA-B182.2	
11.25			F789			
11.26		(18- to 27-inch only)	F679			
11.27		(18-inch and larger)	F794			
11.28	6C	(3) Acrylonitrile-				
11.29		Butadiene-Styrene (ABS)	D2751		CSA-B182.1	
12.1	6C	(4) Corrugated High Density			<u>4- to 10-inch</u>	
12.2		Polyethylene (Corrugated			AASHTO	
12.3		HDPE) (12- 4- to 60-inch) with			M294	
12.4		ASTM D3212 fittings (Storm			AASHTO	
12.5		only)			MP7	
12.6					<u>M252</u>	
12.7					<u>12- to 60-inch</u>	
12.8					<u>ASTM F2306</u>	
12.9		WATER SERVICE - Minimum working pressure rating shall be at least 150 psi for				
12.10		municipal water service and 100 psi for other service.				
12.11	6D	Polyethylene (PE)	B72.1	D2239	LP-315a	NSF14
12.12				D2737	FHA-UM-31C	CS255
12.13						CSA-B137.1
12.14	6E	Acrylonitrile-	B72.3	D2282		NSF14
12.15		Butadiene-Styrene				CS254
12.16		(ABS)				
12.17	6F	Polyvinyl Chloride	B72.2	D2241	L-P-1036	NSF14
12.18		(PVC)		D1785	FHA UM-41	CS256
12.19						CSA-B137.3
12.20	6G	Polybutylene		D2662		NSF14
12.21				D2666		CSA-B137.7

12.22 6I Polyethylene/Aluminum/ F1282 NSF 14
 12.23 Polyethylene NSF 61
 12.24 (PE-AL-PE)
 12.25 Composite Pressure
 12.26 Pipe (up to 1 inch
 12.27 only)

12.28 WATER DISTRIBUTION - Polybutylene (PB) systems (PB tubing together with
 12.29 recommended fittings) and chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) pipe together with
 12.30 fittings must be tested by the manufacturer at 150 psi and 210 degrees Fahrenheit for a
 12.31 period of not less than 48 hours by a qualified independent testing laboratory acceptable to
 13.1 the administrative authority. Cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) tubing systems together
 13.2 with approved fittings must be tested at 150 psi and 210 degrees Fahrenheit for a period
 13.3 of not less than 30 days by a qualified independent testing laboratory acceptable to the
 13.4 administrative authority.

13.5 Polypropylene (PP-R) pipe together with fittings must be tested by the manufacturer
 13.6 at 510 psi hoop stress and 203 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of not less than 40 days by
 13.7 a qualified independent testing laboratory acceptable to the administrative authority.

13.8 6K Polybutylene D3309 CSA-B137.8
 13.9 (tubing)

13.10 6L Chlorinated 119.1, D2846 NSF14
 13.11 Polyvinyl Chloride 119.2 F441 FHA Bulletin
 13.12 (CPVC), Schedule F442 #76
 13.13 80 (2-1/2 to 6 inches) CSA-B137.6

13.14 6M Cross-linked F876 NSF 14
 13.15 Polyethylene (PEX) F877 NSF 61
 13.16 Systems Tubing

13.17 6N (1) Metal Insert F1807 NSF 14
 13.18 Fittings Utilizing a NSF 61
 13.19 Copper Crimp Ring
 13.20 for PEX Tubing

13.21	6O <u>6N</u>	(2) Cold Expansion	F1960		NSF 14
13.22		Fittings with PEX			NSF 61
13.23		Reinforcing Rings			
13.24		for Use with PEX			
13.25		Tubing			
13.26	<u>6N</u>	(3) Cold Expansion	<u>F2080</u>		<u>NSF 14</u>
13.27		Fittings with Metal			<u>NSF 61</u>
13.28		Compressions			
13.29		Sleeves for Use with			
13.30		PEX Tubing			
14.1	<u>6N</u>	(4) Stainless Steel	<u>F2098-01</u>		<u>NSF 14</u>
14.2		Clamps for Securing			<u>NSF 61</u>
14.3		PEX Tubing to Metal			
14.4		Insert Fittings			
14.5	<u>6N</u>	(5) Plastic Insert	<u>F2159</u>		<u>NSF 14</u>
14.6		Fittings Utilizing a			<u>NSF 61</u>
14.7		Copper Crimp Ring			
14.8		for PEX Tubing			
14.9	<u>6N</u>	(6) Cross-linked	<u>F877</u>		<u>NSF 14</u>
14.10		Polyethylene (PEX)			<u>NSF 61</u>
14.11		Plastic Hot and Cold			
14.12		Water Distribution			
14.13		Systems			
14.14	<u>6P</u>	Polypropylene	<u>F2389</u>		<u>NSF 14</u>
14.15		(PP-R)			<u>NSF 61</u>
14.16		SPECIAL WASTES			
14.17	6S	Polyethylene	D2239	LP 315a	PS10-69
14.18			<u>F1412</u>		PS11-69
14.19					PS12-69
14.20	6T	Polypropylene	F1412		
14.21	6U	Polyvinylidene	F1673		
14.22		Fluoride (PVDF)			

- 14.23 6V Chlorinated
 14.24 Polyvinyl Chloride IAPMO IGC
 14.25 (CPVC) 210-2005a
- 14.26 GENERAL
 14.27 DRAINAGE
- 14.28 6W Polyethylene F405
 14.29 (corrugated)
- 15.1 VII. FIBERGLASS PIPE AND FITTINGS
- 15.2 7A Fiberglass pipe (reinforced D2996 NSF14
 15.3 thermosetting resin pipe) (one- NSF61
 15.4 to 16-inch) (18- to 48-inch must AWWA C-950
 15.5 be manufactured in accordance
 15.6 with ASTM D2996)
- 15.7 **4715.0510 WATER SERVICE PIPE.**
- 15.8 The following materials may be used for water service pipe:
- 15.9 [For text of items A to F, see M.R.]
- 15.10 G. Plastic pipe 6D, 6E, 6F, ~~and 6G,~~ and 6I may be used for water service pipe
 15.11 only up to the water meter or pressure tank and provided there is no more than two feet of
 15.12 such piping exposed within the building. These materials shall be installed in accordance
 15.13 with ASTM D 2774-72. Particular care shall be taken to avoid sharp edges in contact with
 15.14 the pipe and to provide for expansion and contraction. Plastic pipe 6I must be installed in
 15.15 accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- 15.16 [For text of items H and I, see M.R.]
- 15.17 **4715.0520 WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE.**
- 15.18 The following materials may be used for water distribution pipe:
- 15.19 [For text of items A to K, see M.R.]

15.20 L. Cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) tubing 6M with fittings ~~6N or 6O~~ 6N(1),
15.21 6N(2), 6N(3), 6N(4), 6N(5), or 6N(6) shall be certified by an independent third-party
15.22 certifier. The water distribution system shall be installed by a factory-trained installer in
15.23 accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Tubing and fittings must be
15.24 marked with the appropriate ASTM designations by the manufacturer.

15.25 [For text of item M, see M.R.]

16.1 N. Polypropylene (PP-R) pipe 6P shall be certified by an independent third-party
16.2 certifier. The water distribution system shall be installed by a factory-trained installer in
16.3 accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

16.4 **4715.0530 BUILDING SEWERS.**

16.5 The following materials may be used for building sewers:

16.6 [For text of items A to F, see M.R.]

16.7 G. Plastic 6A, 6B(1), 6B(3), 6B(4), 6C(1), 6C(2), and 6C(3) and corresponding
16.8 fittings must be laid on a continuous granular bed. Installation must comply with ASTM
16.9 D2321.

16.10 [For text of items H and I, see M.R.]

16.11 J. Ductile Iron 1L and 1M. Gravity installation must be from manhole to
16.12 manhole or building to manhole with no change in direction, and must be in accordance
16.13 with ASTM A746-03 and the manufacturer's recommendations and requirements.

16.14 **4715.0610 SPECIAL WASTES.**

16.15 For special wastes, the following materials may be used:

16.16 A. The following corrosion resistant materials are acceptable for chemical waste
16.17 and vent systems: stainless steel 2C(b), chemically resistant glass pipe 5H, high silicon
16.18 content cast iron 1G, and chemically resistant plastic pipe 6S, 6T, ~~or 6U,~~ or 6V. ~~Use of~~
16.19 ~~any other materials must be approved by the administrative authority, who shall grant~~

16.20 approval if the applicant can show that the material in question is as resistant to corrosion
16.21 as are those listed above. The installation shall be in accordance with manufacturer's
16.22 installation recommendations instructions. If 6S, 6T, ~~or 6U~~, or 6V is used, horizontal
16.23 piping may not exceed 35 feet in total length; and stacks may not exceed 35 feet in total
16.24 height unless an approved expansion and contraction joint is installed at intervals not to
17.1 exceed 35 feet. Underground installation of chemically resistant plastic pipe shall comply
17.2 with ASTM D2321.

17.3 B. Pressure wastes or nonpressure wastes which are completely exposed or
17.4 accessible, and which discharge indirectly to the drainage system may be of any materials
17.5 in part 4715.0420, subpart 3, with due regard to the type of liquid being wasted.

17.6 **4715.0800 MECHANICAL JOINTS.**

17.7 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

17.8 Subp. 2. **Mechanical joints in cast iron bell and spigot soil pipe.** Mechanical
17.9 joints in cast iron soil pipe shall be made by means of a preformed molded rubber ring,
17.10 secured by pulling the pipe and fittings together in such a way as to compress the molded
17.11 rubber ring in a manner that will assure a gas and water tight joint. The rubber sealing
17.12 ring shall conform to ASTM ~~564-65~~ C 564 requirements.

17.13 Subp. 3. [Repealed by amendment, 9 SR 1557]

17.14 Subp. 4. **Mechanical joints in hubless cast iron soil pipe.** Mechanical joints for
17.15 hubless cast iron soil pipe and fittings ~~may~~ shall be made by using a neoprene sleeve and
17.16 stainless steel retaining band as specified in CISPI standard ~~301~~ 310, ASTM C 1277-06,
17.17 or ASTM C 1540-04 and in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions,
17.18 by using a transition fitting made of elastomeric material (ASTM C 425 and ASTM C
17.19 564) and 300 series stainless steel bands and bolts, or by using a two-part coupling whose
17.20 housing is fabricated of grey-cast iron (ASTM A 48), with a coupling gasket made of

17.21 neoprene rubber (ASTM C 564 or CSA/CAN 3-B70), and coupling bolts and nuts made of
17.22 18-8 stainless steel.

17.23 [For text of subps 5 to 7, see M.R.]

17.24 **4715.0805 PUSH-ON JOINTS.**

18.1 Subpart 1. Water service joints. Push-on joints may be used in cast iron and ductile
18.2 iron water service pipe located underground outside the building, and must comply with
18.3 ANSI-A21.11-85. Lead-tipped gaskets are prohibited.

18.4 Subp. 2. Water distribution joints. Removable and nonremovable push-fit fittings
18.5 that comply with ASSE 1061-2006 may be used in copper pipe water distribution for
18.6 aboveground installation. The installer must be certified by the manufacturer to install
18.7 that manufacturer's fitting.

18.8 **4715.0810 PLASTIC JOINTS.**

18.9 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

18.10 Subp. 3. Fusion welding. Fusion-weld connections in polypropylene pipe shall
18.11 include socket-fusion, butt-fusion, electro-fusion, and fusion outlet branch fittings. Fusion
18.12 welding shall be in accordance with ASTM F2389.

18.13 **4715.0850 USE OF JOINTS.**

18.14 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

18.15 Subp. 6. **Copper water tube.** Joints in copper water tubing shall be made either by
18.16 the appropriate use of approved brass or wrought copper water fittings properly soldered
18.17 or brazed; by means of approved flared fittings as provided in part 4715.0770; ~~or~~ by
18.18 means of press type copper and copper alloy fittings on aboveground water distribution
18.19 copper tubing, sizes 1/2-inch to 4-inch, installed in accordance with IAPMO Standard PS
18.20 117-2002; or by means of push-fit fittings for aboveground water distribution, installed in
18.21 accordance with ASSE 1061-2006, which must not be embedded in concrete.

18.22 [For text of subps 7 to 9, see M.R.]

18.23 **4715.0900 FIXTURE TRAP REQUIREMENTS.**

19.1 Each plumbing fixture, except those having an integral trap, shall be separately
19.2 trapped by a water seal trap, installed as close to the fixture as possible, and in such a
19.3 manner as to be readily accessible for cleaning and repairing.

19.4 A single trap may serve a two or three compartment sink or laundry tray. The trap
19.5 shall be located not more than 30 inches horizontally from each compartment outlet. The
19.6 vertical distance between the fixture outlet and the trap weir shall be as short as possible,
19.7 but in no case more than 24 inches in length.

19.8 No food waste disposal unit shall be installed in a set of restaurant, commercial, or
19.9 industrial sinks, served by a single trap. Each such disposal unit shall be individually
19.10 trapped and connected to a separate waste opening. Each trap shall have the manufacturer's
19.11 name or identification stamped legibly thereon and each tubing trap shall show the gauge
19.12 of the tubing used in its manufacture.

19.13 **4715.1000 LOCATION.**

19.14 There shall be at least two cleanouts in the building drain, one at or near the base
19.15 of the stack and one near the connection between the building drain and the building
19.16 sewer. The cleanout at the outside wall may be inside or outside the building, and shall
19.17 be made with a full "Y" branch fitting and shall extend at least two inches above grade
19.18 or finished floor, except that the administrative authority may grant permission to use a
19.19 flush cover in traffic areas.

19.20 A cleanout which is easily accessible shall be provided at or near the foot of each
19.21 vertical soil or waste stack and each vertical storm water leader.

19.22 Each horizontal branch drain pipe shall be provided with a cleanout at its upper
19.23 terminal, except that a fixture trap or a fixture with an integral trap, readily removable
19.24 without disturbing concealed piping, may be accepted as a cleanout equivalent for this
19.25 purpose.

19.26 All floor-set fixture drains with concealed traps such as floor drains, trench drains,
19.27 and similar fixtures installed in areas receiving fouling waste shall be provided with an
20.1 integral cleanout or a cleanout installed as close as possible to the fixture on the horizontal
20.2 fixture branch serving the fixture. This cleanout shall be the same nominal pipe size
20.3 as the horizontal fixture branch.

20.4 A floor drain cleanout may be omitted if the floor drain or fixture branch line is less
20.5 than five feet in length.

20.6 Floor drains used for shower drains, recessed slop, or similar receptors may have the
20.7 full-sized cleanout installed on the individual vent pipe serving the fixture or on the fixture.

20.8 A trap opening from a lavatory, drinking fountain, urinal, sink, or similar fixture may
20.9 serve as a cleanout for a horizontal branch drain up to two inches in size, if the drain
20.10 opening is not more than one pipe size smaller than the horizontal branch drain.

20.11 A cleanout shall be provided on a common vertical fixture drain or common vent
20.12 serving two fixture traps that connect to a vertical drain at the same level. The cleanout
20.13 shall be the same nominal pipe size as the drain serving the fixtures. Where the vertical
20.14 drain is accessible through the trap opening, the cleanout may be eliminated.

20.15 **4715.1120 OIL AND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS SEPARATOR.**

20.16 Enclosed garages of over 1,000 square feet or housing more than four motor vehicles,
20.17 repair garages, gasoline stations with grease racks, work or wash racks, auto washes,
20.18 and all buildings where oily and/or flammable liquid wastes are produced shall have a
20.19 separator installed into which all oil, grease, and sand bearing and/or flammable wastes
20.20 shall be discharged before emptying into the building drainage system or other point of
20.21 disposal, when floor drains or trench drains are provided. The separator shall be located
20.22 inside the building.

20.23 Exception: Private garages classified as Group U occupancies serving one- and
20.24 two-family dwellings.

20.25 Each separator shall be of watertight construction and of not less than 35 cubic feet
20.26 holding capacity, be provided with a water seal of not less than three inches on the inlet
20.27 and not less than 18 inches on the outlet. The minimum depth below the invert of the
21.1 discharge drain shall be three feet. The minimum size of the discharge drain shall be four
21.2 inches. The separator may be constructed either: (i) of monolithic poured reinforced
21.3 concrete with a minimum floor and wall thickness of six inches, ~~or~~ (ii) of iron or steel of a
21.4 minimum thickness of 3/16 inch, protected with an approved corrosion resistant coating
21.5 on both the inside and the outside, or (iii) of fiberglass resins that comply with ASTM
21.6 C-581 and meets IAPMO Material and Property Standard, PS 80-2003b, for clarifiers.

21.7 The separator must be provided with a nonperforated iron or steel cover and ring of
21.8 not less than 24 inches in diameter, and the air space in the top of the tank must have a
21.9 three-inch vent pipe, constructed of approved metallic material, extending separately
21.10 to a point at least 12 inches above the roof of the building. Drains and piping from
21.11 motor vehicle areas must be a minimum of three inches in size. Drains discharging to an
21.12 interceptor must not be trapped and must be constructed so as not to retain liquids. In
21.13 motor vehicle wash facilities, a sand interceptor which meets the requirements of part
21.14 4715.1130, subpart 1, except that no water seal is permitted, may be installed to receive
21.15 wastes before discharging into a flammable waste separator.

21.16 No cleanout, mechanical joint, or backwater valve shall be installed inside the
21.17 separator which could provide a bypass of the trap seal. Only wastes that require
21.18 separation shall discharge into the separator, except that a water supplied and trapped sink
21.19 may be connected to the vent of the separator. Whenever the outlet branch drain serving a
21.20 separator is more than 25 feet from a vented drain, such branch drain shall be provided
21.21 with a two inch vent pipe. A backwater valve shall be installed in the outlet branch drain
21.22 whenever in the judgment of the administrative authority backflow from the building
21.23 drain could occur.

21.24 A separator must be installed to be readily accessible for service and maintenance,
21.25 and must be maintained by periodic removal of accumulated liquids and solids from
21.26 the separator.

21.27 **4715.1210 REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER OF FIXTURES.**

22.1 For all premises subject to this chapter, plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the
22.2 type of building occupancy and in the minimum number shown as required listed in
22.3 chapter 1305, Minnesota Building Code.

22.4 **4715.1250 DISHWASHING EQUIPMENT.**

22.5 Every dishwasher in a building for public use shall discharge to the drainage system
22.6 through an air break: or an air gap, except: (1) a domestic-type dishwasher installed under
22.7 the counter in an employee break room or in any location other than a food establishment,
22.8 may discharge into the sink tailpiece or food waste grinder if the discharge drain line is
22.9 fastened as high as possible under the countertop; and (2) the dishwasher may be connected
22.10 directly to the drainage system if a floor drain constructed without a backwater valve is
22.11 installed on the individual dishwasher branch; the dishwasher may be connected directly
22.12 to the drainage system. The water supply to any dishwasher in which the supply opening
22.13 is located below the spill line of the machine shall be protected with a vacuum breaker.

22.14 **4715.1300 FLOOR DRAINS.**

22.15 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

22.16 Subp. 4. **Venting of floor drains.** Floor drain fixture branches ~~which~~ that are less
22.17 than 25 feet in length and connect to a vented main or branch do not require an individual
22.18 vent. ~~Floor drains not meeting these requirements~~ The following shall be vented in
22.19 accordance with parts 4715.2520, subparts 5 and 6; 4715.2550, subpart 3; and 4715.2620,
22.20 subpart 4: floor drains receiving liquid waste flows that could siphon the trap seal; trench
22.21 drains and floor sinks used as a receptor; and floor drains used for shower drains, recessed

22.22 slop, or similar receptors ~~shall be vented in accordance with parts 4715.2520, subparts 5~~
22.23 ~~and 6, 4715.2550, subpart 3, and 4715.2620, subpart 4.~~

22.24 Subp. 5. [Repealed, 19 SR 590]

22.25 [For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

23.1 **4715.1380 SHOWERS.**

23.2 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

23.3 Subp. 2. **Shower waste outlet.** Waste outlets, other than those in bathtubs, serving a
23.4 single shower shall be at least 1-1/2 inches in diameter and have removable strainers not
23.5 less than three inches in diameter having strainer openings not less than one-fourth inch in
23.6 minimum dimension. Waste outlets shall be securely fastened to the waste pipe making a
23.7 watertight connection thereto. Waste outlets serving showers, except single-head showers,
23.8 must be at least two inches in diameter and must have removable strainers not less than
23.9 three inches in diameter. Where each shower space is not provided with an individual
23.10 waste outlet, the waste outlet must be located and the floor pitched so that the water from
23.11 one shower does not flow over the floor area serving another shower. The floor and waste
23.12 outlet design must not require a shower user to stand in or walk across the wastewater
23.13 flowing from another shower space.

23.14 [For text of subps 3 to 5, see M.R.]

23.15 **4715.1390 SINKS.**

23.16 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

23.17 Subp. 3. **Adjustable sink systems.** Adjustable tailpiece sink systems must comply
23.18 with ASME Standard A112.19.12-2006 Wall Mounted, Pedestal Mounted, Adjustable,
23.19 Elevating, Tilting, and Pivoting Lavatory, Sink, and Shampoo Bowl Carrier Systems and
23.20 Drain Waste Systems. The tailpiece must be of rigid construction.

23.21 **4715.1590 RECEPTORS OR SUMPS.**23.22 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

23.23 Subp. 2. **Cleanout location Design.** ~~If the indirect waste receptor is set below floor~~
 23.24 ~~level, it shall be equipped with a running trap adjacent thereto, with the trap cleanout~~
 24.1 ~~brought up to floor level.~~ All plumbing receptors receiving the discharge of the indirect
 24.2 waste pipes; shall be of such shape and capacity as to prevent splashing or flooding.

24.3 Subp. 3. **Domestic or culinary fixtures prohibited as receptors.** No plumbing
 24.4 fixture which is used for domestic or culinary purposes shall be used to receive the
 24.5 discharge of an indirect waste. Domestic use dishwashers may discharge into a sink, or
 24.6 discharge to a sink tail-piece, tailpiece or food-waste grinder if the discharge drain line is
 24.7 fastened as high as possible under the countertop.

24.8 [For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]24.9 **4715.1700 WATER REQUIRED.**

24.10 Every building equipped with plumbing fixtures and used for human occupancy or
 24.11 habitation shall be provided with a supply of potable water, which meets the standards of
 24.12 the Department of Health, in the amounts and at the pressures specified in this chapter.
 24.13 For permanent residences or buildings in which people are employed, hot water shall be
 24.14 provided to all plumbing fixtures requiring hot water for proper use.

24.15 Only potable water shall be accessible to plumbing fixtures supplying water for
 24.16 drinking, bathing, culinary use, or the processing of food, medical, or pharmaceutical
 24.17 products. Only potable water shall be supplied to emergency showers and eyewashes.

24.18 **4715.1710 WATER SERVICE.**24.19 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

24.20 Subp. 2. **Separation of water service and building sewer.** Except as permitted in
 24.21 this subpart, the underground water service pipe and the building drain or building sewer

24.22 shall not be less than ten feet apart horizontally and shall be separated by undisturbed
24.23 or compacted earth.

24.24 NOTE: See chapter 4725 relating to wells and borings regarding separation of buried
24.25 sewers from wells.

25.1 The water service pipe may be placed in the same trench with the building drain
25.2 and the building sewer provided approval is given by the administrative authority and
25.3 the following conditions are met:

25.4 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

25.5 D. Where the provisions of items A and B cannot be met, the sewer pipe shall be
25.6 of cast iron or plastic 6A, 6B, 6C(2), or 6C(3) and the water pipe of copper, ductile or cast
25.7 iron, or plastic 6D, 6E, 6F, ~~or 6G~~, or 6I (part 4715.0420, subpart 3).

25.8 E. Where the water service pipe must cross the building sewer, the bottom of
25.9 the water service pipe located within ten feet of the point of crossing shall be at least 12
25.10 inches above the top of the sewer, except where this is not feasible, the sewer shall be of
25.11 cast iron or plastic 6A, 6B, 6C(2), ~~or 6C(3)~~, or 6C(4) (part 4715.0420, subpart 3) for at
25.12 least ten feet on either side of the crossing.

25.13 Subp. 3. **Water service near sources of pollution.** Potable water service pipes
25.14 must not be located in, under, or above cesspools, septic tanks, septic tank drainage
25.15 fields, seepage pits, soil treatment systems, sewer manholes, catch basins, buried tanks
25.16 containing chemicals or petroleum products, or any other source of pollution that in the
25.17 judgment of the administrative authority might contaminate the potable water supply. A
25.18 horizontal separation of ten feet must be maintained between the outer edge of the water
25.19 service pipe and the outer edge of the contamination source.

25.20 **4715.1730 SIZE OF FIXTURE BRANCH.**

25.21 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

25.22 Subp. 2. **Table of minimum sizes of fixture water branch lines.**

25.23	Type of fixture or device	Nominal pipe
25.24		size (inches)
25.25	Bath tubs	1/2
26.1	Combination sink and tray	1/2
26.2	Cuspidor	1/2
26.3	Drinking fountain	1/2
26.4	Dishwasher (domestic)	1/2
26.5	Kitchen sink (res.)	1/2
26.6	Kitchen sink (com.)	3/4
26.7	Lavatory	1/2
26.8	Laundry tray	1/2
26.9	Sinks (service, slop)	1/2
26.10	Sinks flushing rim	3/4
26.11	Urinal (flush tank)	1/2
26.12	Urinal (direct flush valve)	3/4
26.13	Water closet (tank type)	1/2
26.14	Water closet (flush valve type)	1
26.15	Hose bibs <u>bibbs</u>	3/4
26.16	Wall hydrant	3/4
26.17	Domestic clothes washer	1/2
26.18	Shower (single head)	1/2

26.19 **4715.1740 WATER PRESSURE.**

26.20 When street main pressure exceeds 80 psi, an approved pressure reducing valve shall
 26.21 be installed in the water service pipe near its entrance to the building to reduce water
 26.22 pressure to 80 psi or lower. Where street water main pressures fluctuate significantly,
 26.23 the building water distribution system shall be so designed for the minimum pressure
 26.24 available.

26.25 Whenever water pressure from the street main or other source of supply is insufficient
26.26 to provide flow pressure at fixture outlets as required under part 4715.1770, a booster
26.27 pump and pressure tank or other approved means shall be installed on the building water
26.28 supply system. See part 4715.1810, ~~subpart 3~~ for installation.

27.1 **4715.1800 WATER SUPPLY CONTROL VALVES.**

27.2 Subpart 1. **Stop and waste valves prohibited.** Combination stop and waste valves
27.3 or cocks ~~should~~ shall not be installed underground in water service piping. ~~They may be~~
27.4 ~~installed only if~~ unless approved by the administrative authority and ~~when~~ located at least
27.5 two feet above the water table and at least ten feet from any sewer.

27.6 [For text of subps 2 to 11, see M.R.]

27.7 Subp. 12. **Yard hydrants.** Freeze-resistant sanitary yard hydrants must comply
27.8 with ASSE 1057.

27.9 **4715.2120 LOCATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS.**

27.10 Backflow and back-siphonage preventing devices or assemblies must be located
27.11 so as to be readily accessible, preferably in the same room with the fixture they serve.
27.12 Installation in utility or service spaces, provided they are readily accessible, is also
27.13 permitted.

27.14 The access area must provide enough space for testing and maintenance of the device.
27.15 A backflow preventer must not be installed in a pit or other confined area subject to
27.16 ~~recurrent~~ flooding. When a conductor pipe is provided from a backflow preventer drain,
27.17 a visible air gap must be provided at the device. New installations of reduced pressure
27.18 zone backflow preventers must be at least 12 inches, but not more than six feet, above
27.19 the finished floor or ground level.

27.20 **4715.2280 WATER METER INSTALLATION.**

27.21 Water meters shall be ~~placed~~ located inside a building and installed at least 12 inches
27.22 above the finished floor and shall be ~~rigidly supported with a permanent support in order to~~

27.23 ~~prevent the meter from vibrating when the water is passing through it~~ readily accessible.

27.24 Water meters installed within five feet of a plumbing fixture must be shielded from

27.25 contamination. All water meter installations shall be rigidly supported with a permanent

28.1 support in order to prevent the meter from vibrating when the water is passing through it.

28.2 Water meter installations must also be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

28.3 Exceptions: Where installation inside a building is not possible, the water meter may

28.4 be installed in an enclosed structure not subject to flooding, high groundwater, or

28.5 surface drainage runoffs, provided the meter is protected from freezing. Provision

28.6 shall be made to install the meters above grade when possible. When installed below

28.7 grade, the top of the structure shall be located at least 12 inches above the finished

28.8 grade, be secured, and accessible. This structure shall not be connected to any storm

28.9 or sanitary sewer system.

28.10 **4715.2310 SELECTING SIZE OF GRAVITY DRAINAGE PIPING.**

28.11 Subpart 1. **Determination of size.** Pipe sizes for gravity drains shall be determined
28.12 from subparts 2 and 3 on the basis of drainage load computed from part 4715.2300,
28.13 subparts 2 and 3.

28.14 Subp. 2. **Maximum loads for horizontal drains in fixture units.**

28.15 Building Sewer*****, Building Drain and
28.16 Building Drain Branches - from Stacks*****

28.17

28.18

28.19 Diameter
28.20 of Drain

Horizontal
Fixture
Branch*-

Slope

28.21

28.21	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2
28.22	in/ft.	in/ft.	in/ft.	in/ft.
28.23	(f.u.)	(f.u.)	(f.u.)	(f.u.)

28.24

1-1/4 1

28.25

1-1/2 3

28.26	2	6		21	26
28.27	2-1/2	12		24	31
28.28	3**	32***		36***	42***
29.1	4	160		180	216
29.2	5	360		390	480
29.3	6	620		700	840
29.4	8	—	1,400	1,600	1,920
29.5	10	—	2,500	2,900	3,500
29.6	12	—	3,900	4,600	5,600
29.7	15	—	7,000	8,300	10,000

29.8 *Includes Horizontal Branches of the Building Drain.

29.9 **No water closet shall discharge into a drain less than 3 inches.

29.10 ***Not over 2 Water Closets.

29.11 ****Every building drain that receives the discharge of (3) or more water closets,
29.12 shall not be less than 4 inches in diameter.

29.13 *****No building sewer shall be less than 4 inches in diameter.

29.14 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

29.15 **4715.2420 PROHIBITED FITTINGS AND CONNECTIONS.**

29.16 Subpart 1. **General prohibitions.** No fittings having a hub in the direction opposite
29.17 to flow, or straight tee branch shall be used as a drainage fitting. No fitting or connection
29.18 which has an enlargement chamber or recess with a ledge or shoulder, or reduction in pipe
29.19 area shall be used. No manhole shall be used to join drainage piping within a building.
29.20 No drainage or vent piping shall be drilled, tapped, or welded unless otherwise permitted
29.21 by the administrative authority. Fittings used for back-to-back, wall outlet, blowout type
29.22 water closet bowls shall have a baffle plate or other device to prevent the waste water from
29.23 one water closet from entering the opposite water closet. No fixture connection shall be

29.24 made to a closet bend. No running threads, bands, or saddles shall be used. The short
29.25 pattern fitting in a horizontal position is prohibited in underground work.

29.26 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

30.1 **4715.2430 BUILDING DRAINS BELOW BUILDING SEWER.**

30.2 ~~Building~~ Only drains ~~which that~~ cannot be discharged to the sewer by gravity flow
30.3 shall discharge into an approved watertight, gas-tight vented sump or receiving tank, so
30.4 located as to receive the sewage or wastes by gravity. From ~~such the~~ sump or receiving
30.5 tank the sewage or other liquid wastes shall be lifted and discharged into the building
30.6 gravity drain by approved automatic pumping equipment. The system or drainage piping
30.7 entering ~~such the~~ sump shall be installed and vented as required in this section for a
30.8 gravity system.

30.9 **4715.2520 VENT STACKS AND STACK VENTS.**

30.10 Subpart 1. **Vent stack required.** ~~Every~~ For each sanitary building in which plumbing
30.11 ~~is installed shall have~~ sewer, at least one three-inch vent stack (or stack vent) carried full
30.12 size through the roof shall be installed as provided in part 4715.2330. A vent stack or main
30.13 vent shall be installed with a soil or waste stack whenever individual vents, relief vents, or
30.14 branch vents are required for stacks of three or more branch intervals.

30.15 [For text of subps 2 to 6, see M.R.]

30.16 **4715.2580 COMMON VENTS.**

30.17 Subpart 1. **Individual vent as common vent.** An individual vent, installed vertically,
30.18 may be used as a common vent for not more than two traps serving a single fixture or
30.19 two traps serving similar fixtures when both fixture drains connect independently with a
30.20 vertical drain at the same level.

30.21 Subp. 2. **Fixtures connected to vertical drain at different levels.** Except for water
30.22 closets or similar fixtures, a common vent may be used for two fixtures set on same floor

30.23 level but connecting at different levels in the vertical drain, provided the vertical drain is
30.24 one pipe diameter larger than the upper fixture drain but in no case smaller than the lower
31.1 fixture drain, whichever is the larger and that both drains conform to part 4715.2620,
31.2 subpart 4. No more than two fixture traps shall be vented in this manner.

31.3 **4715.2610 FIXTURES BACK-TO-BACK.**

31.4 Two fixtures set back-to-back, within the distance allowed between a trap and its
31.5 vent, may be served with one continuous soil or waste-vent pipe, provided that each
31.6 fixture wastes separately into an approved double fitting, having inlet openings at the same
31.7 level. (See part 4715.2580, subpart ~~2~~ 1.)

31.8 **4715.2620 FIXTURE VENTS.**

31.9 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

31.10 Subp. 3. **Crown venting limitation.** No vent shall be installed within two drain
31.11 pipe diameters of the trap weir.

31.12 [For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

31.13 **4715.2710 SIZE OF BUILDING STORM DRAINS AND LEADERS.**

31.14 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

31.15 Subp. 6. **Values for continuous flow.** If there is a continuous or semicontinuous
31.16 discharge into the building storm drain or building storm sewer, as from a pump, ejector,
31.17 ~~air-conditioning plant~~, or similar device, each gallon per minute of the discharge must
31.18 be computed as being equivalent to 24 square feet of roof area, based upon a four-inch
31.19 rainfall.

31.20 **4715.2760 ROOF AND DECK DRAINS.**

31.21 Subpart 1. **Roof drain strainers.** All roof areas, except those draining to hanging
31.22 gutters, shall be equipped with roof drains having strainers extending not less than four
31.23 inches above the surface of the roof immediately adjacent to the roof drain. Strainers shall

32.1 be provided on all overflow roof drains and shall have an available inlet area, above roof
32.2 level, equal to that of the conductor or leader to which the drain is connected.

32.3 Exceptions: For roof drains with integral overflow drains meeting Standard IAPMO
32.4 IGC 187-05, a strainer with a minimum height of three inches shall be provided
32.5 and the structural design of the roof for maximum ponding and the design of the
32.6 engineered roof drain sumps shall be certified by a state-licensed professional
32.7 structural engineer.

32.8 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

32.9 **4715.2820 METHOD OF TESTING.**

32.10 Subpart 1. **Testing.** The air tests shall be applied to the plumbing drainage system in
32.11 its entirety or in sections. Sections which are found satisfactory need not be retested after
32.12 completion of the entire system unless considered necessary by the proper administrative
32.13 authority.

32.14 [For text of subps 2 to 7, see M.R.]

32.15 **4716.0010 DEFINITIONS.**

32.16 Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in
32.17 this part, in part 4715.0100, and in Minnesota Statutes, sections 326B.01 and 326B.42.

32.18 Subp. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and
32.19 industry or a duly designated representative of the commissioner who is either an
32.20 employee of the Department of Labor and Industry or a person working under contract
32.21 with the department.

32.22 **4716.0020 EXAMINATION AND LICENSING OF PLUMBERS.**

32.23 Subpart 1. **Examinations.** An applicant for a plumber's license, other than a
32.24 restricted journeyman or restricted master plumber license, must satisfactorily pass
32.1 an examination given by the commissioner. Examinations for journeyman and master

33.2 plumber licenses shall be held in March and September of each year. Applications for
33.3 the March examination must be filed not later than February 15 and for the September
33.4 examination not later than August 15.

33.5 A. An applicant for the master plumber examination must have:

33.6 (1) a current Minnesota journeyman plumber license and five years of
33.7 practical plumbing experience;

33.8 (2) a current master plumber license from another state where the
33.9 requirements of the licensing jurisdiction are equivalent to those of Minnesota, as
33.10 determined by the commissioner; or

33.11 (3) a current Minnesota restricted master plumber license and five years of
33.12 verifiable experience in business as a plumbing contractor in Minnesota.

33.13 B. An applicant for the journeyman examination:

33.14 (1) must be registered as a plumber's apprentice in Minnesota and must
33.15 have at least four years of practical plumbing experience, as specified in subpart 2, item F;

33.16 (2) must have a current Minnesota restricted journeyman plumber license or
33.17 restricted master plumber license and at least two years of practical plumbing experience
33.18 gained while holding the restricted plumber license, as specified in subpart 2, item E; or

33.19 (3) must hold a current plumber's license from another state where the
33.20 licensing jurisdiction requires at least four years of practical plumbing experience and
33.21 an examination to qualify for licensure.

33.22 Subp. 2. **Experience.** This subpart applies to all practical plumbing experience
33.23 described in subpart 1.

33.24 A. One year of practical plumbing experience consists of at least 1,750 hours.

34.1 B. The 1,750 hours necessary to gain one year of practical plumbing experience
34.2 may be worked in more than one 12-month period; however, not more than 1,750 hours
34.3 shall be credited for one calendar year.

34.4 C. Not more than two years of the practical plumbing experience from a state
34.5 other than Minnesota shall be credited unless the applicant first obtains a plumber's
34.6 license in the other state.

34.7 D. The applicant is responsible for verifying practical plumbing experience. The
34.8 commissioner may require work records, time cards, pay records, or other documentation
34.9 necessary to evaluate practical plumbing experience. The commissioner shall make
34.10 the final determination about the adequacy and acceptability of an applicant's practical
34.11 plumbing experience.

34.12 E. If the applicant is a licensed restricted journeyman plumber or a licensed
34.13 restricted master plumber subitems (1) to (3) apply.

34.14 (1) The practical plumbing experience must include at least the following
34.15 number of hours in the plumbing aspects specified in units (a) to (c). The remaining
34.16 required hours of practical plumbing experience may be in any aspect of plumbing work
34.17 included in the definition of plumbing in part 4715.0100; however, the applicant must
34.18 include in the application the type of work and corresponding number of hours:

34.19 (a) water distribution system installation, 1,000 hours;

34.20 (b) drain, waste, and vent system installation, 1,000 hours; and

34.21 (c) fixture installation, 500 hours.

34.22 (2) The applicant must have been a licensed restricted journeyman or a
34.23 licensed restricted master plumber at all times while obtaining the practical plumbing
34.24 experience.

35.1 (3) The applicant must have completed the entire two years of practical
35.2 plumbing experience within the four years before the applicant takes the examination.

35.3 F. If the applicant is a registered plumber's apprentice subitems (1) to (3) apply.

35.4 (1) The practical plumbing experience must include at least the following
35.5 number of hours in the plumbing aspects specified in units (a) to (c). The remaining
35.6 required hours of practical plumbing experience may be in any aspect of plumbing work
35.7 included in the definition of plumbing in part 4715.0100; however, the applicant must
35.8 include in the application the type of work and corresponding number of hours:

35.9 (a) water distribution system installation, 2,000 hours;

35.10 (b) drain, waste, and vent system installation, 2,000 hours; and

35.11 (c) fixture installation, 1,000 hours.

35.12 (2) Except for experience qualifying under subitem (3), the applicant must
35.13 have been a registered plumber's apprentice at all times while obtaining the practical
35.14 plumbing experience.

35.15 (3) Up to 24 months of practical plumbing experience gained before the
35.16 effective date of the applicant's initial registration as a plumber's apprentice will be
35.17 credited if the applicant gained some of the experience during the 12-month period
35.18 immediately prior to the effective date of the applicant's initial registration and if:

35.19 (a) the applicant gained the plumbing experience during military
35.20 service, and the applicant's military officer certifies the experience;

35.21 (b) the applicant gained the plumbing experience as part of a plumbing
35.22 education class approved by the commissioner, and an authorized representative of the
35.23 educational institution certifies the experience; or

36.1 (c) the applicant gained the plumbing experience as a plumber's
36.2 apprentice in another state where the experience is verified by a state agency in that state
36.3 or by a federal agency.

36.4 G. Except as provided in item F, subitem (3), all practical plumbing experience
36.5 must be certified by the licensed plumber or plumbing contractor who is responsible for
36.6 the work performed. A restricted master plumber cannot certify the restricted master
36.7 plumber's own experience. The employer of a journeyman plumber, restricted master
36.8 plumber, restricted journeyman plumber, or plumber's apprentice is responsible for:

36.9 (1) recording the practical plumbing experience worked by each such
36.10 employee; and

36.11 (2) maintaining these records of practical plumbing experience for at least
36.12 six years after the employee's last recorded experience.

36.13 **4716.0030 LICENSE APPLICATIONS.**

36.14 Subpart 1. **Examination applications.** Applications to take the journeyman or
36.15 master plumber's examination must be submitted to the commissioner on forms prepared
36.16 by the commissioner together with the required fee. The fee must be submitted with the
36.17 application and is not refundable.

36.18 Subp. 2. **License applications.**

36.19 A. Any applicant who receives a passing grade on the journeyman plumber's
36.20 examination may submit an application for a journeyman plumber's license.

36.21 B. Any applicant who receives a passing grade on the master plumber's
36.22 examination may submit an application for a master plumber's license.

36.23 C. All initial applications for licensure must be on forms prepared by the
36.24 commissioner, and must be accompanied by the required fee.

37.1 **4716.0040 EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.**

37.2 Subpart 1. **Issuance and expiration.** Initial and renewal journeyman and master
37.3 plumber's licenses, and renewal restricted journeyman and restricted master plumber's
37.4 licenses, shall be issued for the calendar year for which application is made and shall
37.5 expire on December 31 of such year. Any journeyman plumber, master plumber, restricted
37.6 journeyman plumber, or restricted master plumber who submits a renewal application after
37.7 December 31 shall not work as a plumber until the person has submitted an application,
37.8 fee, and penalty fee. Any licensed journeyman or master plumber who does not renew
37.9 the license within two years is no longer eligible for renewal. The person must retake
37.10 and pass the examination before a new license will be issued. Any licensed restricted
37.11 journeyman or restricted master plumber who does not renew the license within 12 months
37.12 will permanently forfeit the restricted license.

37.13 Subp. 2. **License renewals.** Applications for license renewal must be submitted to
37.14 the commissioner on forms prepared by the commissioner no later than December 31
37.15 of the year preceding the year for which application is made. The application must be
37.16 accompanied by the required fee. Journeyman and master plumbers who submit their
37.17 license renewal applications after expiration of their license but within two years after
37.18 expiration of the previously issued license must pay all past due renewal fees plus the
37.19 required late fee. Restricted journeyman and restricted master plumbers who submit
37.20 their license renewal applications after expiration of their license but within 12 months
37.21 after expiration of the previously issued license must pay the past due renewal fee plus
37.22 the required late fee.

37.23 **4716.0050 REGISTRATION OF PLUMBER'S APPRENTICE.**

37.24 Subpart 1. **Scope.** Subpart 2 shall not apply to registered plumber's apprentices under
37.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.47, subdivision 1, clause (1).

38.1 Subp. 2. **Registration requirements.** No person shall work as a plumber's
38.2 apprentice until that person has submitted an application and fee for registration to the
38.3 commissioner. Registration must be renewed annually and shall be for the period from
38.4 July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following year. Applications for initial and renewal
38.5 registration must be submitted to the commissioner before July 1 of each registration
38.6 period on forms provided by the commissioner, and must be accompanied by the required
38.7 fee. A plumber's apprentice who submits a registration application after July 1 in any year
38.8 must pay the past due renewal fee plus the required late fee.

38.9 A. A plumber's apprentice must be at least 18 years of age or be a high school
38.10 graduate, except that an apprentice employed and supervised by the apprentice's parent
38.11 must be at least 16 years of age.

38.12 B. At the time of registration, an apprentice must provide a name, address,
38.13 date of birth, Social Security number, and information about education and practical
38.14 plumbing experience.

38.15 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 4715.3140; 4715.3150; 4715.3160; and 4715.3170,
38.16 are repealed.