TOPIC: Drain Pipe Diameter - OPSC/7/#5


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REFERENCE: Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC)- Chapter 7, Table 7-3

SUBJECT: Reduced drain pipe diameter for conversions to showers

QUESTION: Can the minimum size drain, trap, and trap arm for conversions to showers be reduced from 2”, as required by OPSC Table 7-3, to 1.5”?

RESPONSE: The minimum size drain, trap, and trap arm for conversions to showers can be reduced to 1.5” under the following conditions:

A. The conversion must take place in an existing permitted dwelling unit; and

B. The conversion may not take place in a one or two dwelling building; and

C. The conversion to a shower must be from and existing permitted bathtub or combination bathtub/shower; and

D. A minimum 2” dam shall be provided at the shower entrance; and

E. Conversions from existing Durham pipe, or other iron pipe, shall be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis through the BDS administrative appeals process prior to utilization of this code guide.

Other alternatives may be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis through the BDS administrative appeals process.

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