

1 [Plumbing Code - Placement and Minimum Size of Building Traps]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Plumbing Code to add a requirement for the placement and**
4 **minimum size of building traps; affirming the Planning Department’s determination**
5 **under the California Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk of the Board of**
6 **Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards**
7 **Commission upon final passage.**

8 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
9 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
10 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
11 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
12 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
13 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
14 subsections or parts of tables.

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

14 Section 1. General Findings.

15 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
16 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
17 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
18 Supervisors in File No. 190237 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms
19 this determination.

20 (b) On January 16, 2019, the Building Inspection Commission considered this
21 ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5.

22 Section 2. Findings under Section 17958.7 of the California Health and Safety Code.
23 All rain water in San Francisco drains to the building drains and sewer. Unusual geology,
24 occasional extremely high local rainfall amounts, and the configuration of the City as a
25 peninsula restrict the installation of separate storm water and sewer systems. House traps not

1 only prevent the sewer gases from entering the house or commercial areas but also protect
2 the building from failures in the sewer systems in case of a stoppage, breakage, or the
3 overloading during a storm.

4 Section 3. Chapter 10 of the Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding Section
5 1001.3, to read as follows:

6 **CHAPTER 10 – TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS**

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8 **1001.3 Placement and Minimum Size of Building Traps.** *The building sewer or building drain*
9 *shall have a building trap placed as near as possible to the curb line or immediately inside any*
10 *subsidewalk basement wall under the sidewalk. Trap size shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6mm).*

11 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
12 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
13 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
14 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

15 Section 5. Directions to Clerk. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby
16 directed to forward a copy of this ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission
17 upon final passage.

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19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
20 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

21 By: _____
22 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN
23 Deputy City Attorney
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