

Back Water Valves

BACK WATER VALVE ORDINANCE AND PLUMBING CODE REQUIREMENTS

City Code of Ordinances Chapter 25 section 25-41(b) governs the need of a back water valves...

(ORD. of 10-24-88; ORD of 9-26-94)

“Location in sleeping or eating rooms and basements restricted. No water closet shall be located in any sleeping room or any room used for preparing food. No plumbing fixtures shall be located in a cellar, basement, or any location that will be subject to backflow from the public sewer without proper backflow protection and approval from the plumbing inspector.”

International Plumbing Code Sewage backflow protection specific:

“Where flood rims of plumbing fixtures are below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer, such fixtures shall be protected by a backwater valve installed in the building drain, branch of the building drain or horizontal branch serving such fixture. Plumbing fixtures having a flood level rim above the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer shall not discharge through a back water valve.”