


**City of Philadelphia**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Department of Records

**FROM:** David Perri, Commissioner, Department of Licenses and Inspections 

**DATE:** March 13, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Department of Licenses and Inspections' Proposed Plumbing Regulations P-908, P-103 and P-104

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The attached two Regulations, regarding "Replacement of Underground Sewers by Pipe-Bursting Methods," and another regarding administration of permits and subcontractors, and are being forwarded to you for notice of their issuance by the Department of Licenses and Inspections. These Regulations have been approved by the Law Department, as evidenced by the attached two Memorandum from Martha Johnston, Senior Attorney. In accordance with Section 8-407 of the Home Rule Charter, we are forwarding the Regulations to you for advertising and public inspection.

Please note that the Department has already scheduled a public hearing for the Board of Building Standards in this matter, so we would appreciate the newspaper legal notice of these regulations also to announce the public hearing, which will be held on May 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at this location:

Room 18-002  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
One Parkway Building  
1515 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Written testimony in lieu of appearance at the public hearing may be sent to:

Board of Building Standards  
Suite 1100  
Municipal Services Building  
1401 JFK Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Thank you.

**Department of Licenses and Inspections**  
**Regulations Under Philadelphia Code Provisions P-103.1 and P-104.2**

THE PHILADELPHIA CODE  
TITLE 4; SUBCODE P  
(THE PHILADELPHIA PLUMBING CODE)

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**CHAPTER 1**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

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**SECTION P-103.0 PERMITS**

**P-103.1 Applications:** Applications for plumbing permits shall be submitted by a Registered Master Plumber or his/her authorized agent in accordance with Chapter 3 of the administrative code. All plumbing permit applications shall have a Registered Master Plumber's seal affixed.

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**Proposed Regulation**

**P-103.1: By whom application is made:** *The department shall accept plumbing permit applications from the owner or lessee of the building or structure, or agent of either, by the registered design professional employed in connection with the proposed work; or other licensed person authorized to apply for permits pursuant to the Philadelphia Administrative Code, so long as the Registered Master Plumber responsible for the work is identified prior to the issuance of the permit. Electronic confirmation of a valid license shall eliminate the need for affixing the Registered Master Plumber's seal to any paper permit application.*

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**SECTION P-104.0 SUBCONTRACTORS**

**P-104.1 Disclosure:** Any plumbing contractor who accepted a contract as a subcontractor from another plumbing or retail firm must indicate so on the permit.

**P-104.2 Permit exclusive:** A registered Master Plumber shall not work under another registered Master Plumber's plumbing permit except as a subcontractor or an employee. When work is being performed by a subcontractor, the department shall be notified in writing that such work is being performed with permission of the permitted registered Master Plumber holding the original permit.

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**Proposed Regulation**

**P-104.2.1(R) Permit holder:** *Because every permit application submitted requires the approval of the owner, the owner shall retain the right to change the Master Plumber associated with a permit to a new Master Plumber. The changing of plumbing contractors shall not require the issuance of a new permit, where the owner identifies a new Master Plumber to complete the work under such plumbing permit.*

**P-104.2.2(R) Multiple Master Plumbers:** *The Department reserves the right to issue a single permit for work to be performed by multiple Master Plumbers, provided that the owner is responsible for final compliance in the event of a dispute between the named Master Plumbers.*

**Department of Licenses and Inspections**  
**Regulations Under Philadelphia Code Provision P-106.1**

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SECTION P-106.0 PLUMBING REGULATIONS.

**P-106.1 Authorization:** In enacting this code, the Council recognizes that the department has promulgated technical regulations governing the manner in which plumbing work is to be performed and the materials that are to be used. Those regulations are hereby reaffirmed. The department is authorized to promulgate additional such regulations and to amend existing such regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate from time to time. The department is also authorized to promulgate any other regulations necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of this code. Promulgation of regulations shall be made subject to published notice and upon request, a public hearing.

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**Proposed Regulation**

**SECTION P-908**  
**REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND**  
**SEWERS BY PIPE-BURSTING METHODS**

**P-908.1 General.** *This section shall govern the replacement of existing house drain (including house storm drain) piping by pipe-bursting methods.*

**P-908.2 Applicability.** *The replacement of house drain piping by pipe-bursting methods shall be limited to gravity drainage piping of sizes 6 inches (152 mm) and smaller. The replacement piping shall be of the same nominal size as the existing piping.*

**P-908.3 Pre-installation inspection.** *The existing piping sections to be replaced shall be inspected internally by a recorded video camera survey. The survey shall include notations of the position of cleanouts and the depth of connections to the existing piping.*

**P-908.4 Pipe.** *The replacement piping shall be manufactured with a standard dimension ratio (SDR) of 17 and in compliance with ASTM F 714.*

**P-908.5 Pipe fittings.** *Pipe fittings to be connected to the replacement piping shall be of extra-high molecular weight PE3408 material and shall be manufactured with an SDR of 17 and in compliance with ASTM D 2683.*

**P-908.6 Cleanouts.** *Where the existing house drain did not have cleanouts meeting the requirements of this code, cleanout fittings shall be installed as required by this code.*

**P-908.7 Post-installation inspection.** *The completed replacement piping section shall be inspected internally by a recorded video camera survey. The video survey shall be reviewed and approved by the code official prior to pressure testing of the replacement piping system.*

**P-908.8 Pressure testing.** *The replacement piping system as well as the connections to the replacement piping shall be tested in accordance with Section P-1506.*