

Chapter 122

WATER

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§ 122-1. General policy; effective date.

No water shall be provided for internal or external use to any residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, governmental or public building or structure of any kind which is constructed or remodeled and in which plumbing, water piping or water fixtures are to be installed, extended or altered in any way, and for which a construction permit is required to be obtained from Bear Creek Township (or would be required but for an exemption from a permit requirement for public or governmental agencies), unless the new, extended or altered plumbing, water piping and other water-using fixtures therein conform to the requirements and standards of § 122-2 of this Article. The provisions of this Article shall apply to any such building or structure for which such a building permit is issued, or would otherwise be required to be issued but for such an exemption, on or after May 12, 1992.

§ 122-2. Performance standards for plumbing fixtures and fittings.

- A. Water closets and associated flushing mechanisms. The water consumption of water closets shall not exceed an average of one and six-tenths (1.6) gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from twenty (20) to eighty (80) pounds per square inch. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.
- B. Urinal and associated flushing mechanisms. Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of one and five-tenths (1.5) gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from twenty (20) to eighty (80) pounds per square inch. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.
- C. Shower heads. Shower-head discharge rates shall not exceed three and zero-tenths (3.0) gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from twenty (20) to eighty (80)

pounds per square inch. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

- D. Faucets. Sink and lavatory faucet discharge rates shall not exceed three and zero-tenths (3.0) gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from twenty (20) to eighty (80) pounds per square inch. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

§ 122-3. Special-purpose equipment; exemptions.

- A. The performance standards of § 122-2 shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet the specified standards.
- B. Any person(s) may apply to Bear Creek Township for an exemption to the terms of this Article, which exemption may be granted by the Board of Supervisors upon proof that some other device, system or procedure will save as much or more water as those set forth herein or that those set forth herein cannot be complied with without undue hardship.

§ 122-4. Official review and modification.

The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, modify, add to or remove from the standards and restrictions herein.

§ 122-5. Violations and penalties.¹

It shall be a violation for any person to use or apply water within Bear Creek Township contrary to or in violation of the restrictions herein, and, upon conviction thereof, such a person shall be punished by being imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days or by a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.