

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS CODE INTERPRETATION No. P-9701		CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA <hr/> TITLE 4 — BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE
SUBJECT OF INTERPRETATION: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PLUMBING FIXTURES (Also see Code Interpretation No. A-9701)		REFERENCE CODE SECTION(S): P-202.0
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QUESTION:

For the purposes of applying Section P-202.0 of the *Philadelphia Plumbing Code*, when a plumbing fixture is to be temporarily removed and replaced, such as to install new floor covering in a bathroom, is such work considered "...the replacement of any plumbing fixture" or is it considered minor repairs?

INTERPRETATION:

The temporary removal and replacement of the same existing plumbing fixture will not be considered replacement of a plumbing fixture under Section P-202.0 of the *Philadelphia Plumbing Code*. Such work will be included within the definition of minor repairs. Similarly, under Section A-301.1.4 of the *Philadelphia Administrative Code*, such work will not be considered the "replacement of plumbing", and thus will not require a plumbing permit.