# SUBJECT OF INTERPRETATION:

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PLUMBING FIXTURES

(also see Code Interpretation No. A-9701)

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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.