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Section 1102

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1102 of the Plumbing Code to require the removal of existing underground RCP storm lines under a proposed parking garage where the garage is being built over existing on grade parking and where the structure of this garage does not conflict with the existing piping?

Answer

If this is an existing on grade parking lot with drainage piping already permitted and installed with the original construction, it is considered an "Existing Building." As such, the Plumbing volume does not apply unless required to by the Existing Buildings Volume. If this new construction will not impact the existing, and will have its own storm drainage system installed, 1101.1 of the Existing Buildings volume may allow this to remain. Any new work associated with the addition needs to comply with the appropriate section of the Plumbing volume as specified in chapter 11 of the Existing Buildings volume.

Commentary:

It makes sense to leave the pipe if no work is being performed on the existing structure and there is no impact on the addition. That is the purpose and intent of the Existing Buildings volume.

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