

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PLUMBING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
July 9, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

Committee Members Present

Ed Bigley
John Moffett
John Inks
John Cummins
Jim Eichenlaub
Regis Claus
David Green (via Teams)

Participants Present

Committee Members Not Present

William Price
Ruthann Omer

ACHD Staff Present

Geoff Rabinowitz
Ian Anderson
Jeff Czochara
Todd Bogdanovich
Pat Nestler
John Cronin
Tim Mahoney
Kim Joyce

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Bigley called the meeting to order.

- II. **Discussion of Proposed Revisions of Article XV Plumbing and Building Drainage:** Mr. Czochara informed the Board of the proposed revisions to Article XV.
Mr. Cummins suggested changing Section 103.5 so that plumbing inspectors can be instructors at plumbing schools. He also suggested removing a typo (“are we changing this to 130”) from Chapter 2.
Mr. Eichenlaub suggested adding “in accordance with the IBC or IRC” to Section 305.3.1. He also suggested clearly enumerating in Section 403.5 the reason to change the required distance to a drinking fountain from 500 feet to 300 feet.
Mr. Cummins suggested changing Section 6.3.1.1 to require that tracer wire be 12-gauge, solid-core, coated wire. He also suggested changing Section 701.2.3 to require a two-way tee. He also suggested changing Chapter 8 to require a solenoid valve or a requirement for cast iron. Mr. Czochara said that tempering is required but he will look into this issue.
Attendees agreed upon removing Section 1002.1
Mr. Cummins suggested changing Section 1003.10.1 to add a time requirement for maintaining grease interceptors.

Mr. Rabinowitz stated that the Board’s suggested changes will be incorporated into Article XV prior to presenting it to the Board of Health.

III. *Action: Mr. Bigley moved to approve a non-binding recommendation to the Board of Health to open a public comment period for the proposed revision of Article XV. Mr. Claus seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor with 0 against.