

## CHAPTER 2

### DEFINITIONS

#### 201.0 General.

For the purpose of this code, the following terms have the meanings indicated in this chapter.

No attempt is made to define ordinary words, which are used in accordance with their established dictionary meanings, except where a word has been used loosely and it is necessary to define its meaning as used in this code to avoid misunderstanding.

The definitions of terms are arranged alphabetically according to the first word of the term.

#### 202.0 Definition of Terms.

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**ABS** – Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene is a thermoplastic compound from which pipe and fittings are made.

**Accessible** – When applied to a fixture, connection, appliance, or equipment, “accessible” means having access thereto, but which first may require the removal of an access panel, door, or similar obstruction. “Readily accessible” means direct access without the necessity of removing any panel, door, or similar obstruction.

**Air Admittance Valve** – One-way valves designed to allow air to enter the plumbing drainage system when negative pressures develop in the piping system. The device closes by gravity and seals the vent terminal at zero differential pressure (no flow conditions) and under positive internal pressures. The purpose of an air admittance valve is to provide a method of allowing air to enter the plumbing drainage system to prevent siphonage of plumbing fixture traps.

**Airbreak** – A physical separation which may be a low inlet into the indirect waste receptor from the fixture, appliance, or device indirectly connected.

**Airgap, Drainage** – The unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe, plumbing fixture, appliance, or appurtenance conveying waste to the flood-level rim of the receptor.

**Airgap, Water Distribution** – The unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet conveying potable water to the flood-level rim of any tank, vat, or fixture.

**Anchors** – See Supports.

**Appliance Fuel Connector** – An assembly of listed semi-rigid or flexible tubing and fittings to carry fuel

between a fuel-piping outlet and a fuel-burning appliance.

**Approved** – Acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**Approved Testing Agency** – An organization primarily established for purposes of testing to approved standards and approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**Area Drain** – A receptor designed to collect surface or storm water from an open area.

**Aspirator** – A fitting or device supplied with water or other fluid under positive pressure that passes through an integral orifice or constriction, causing a vacuum.

**Authority Having Jurisdiction** – The organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, installations, or procedures. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be a federal, emirate, local, or other regional department or an individual such as a plumbing official, mechanical official, labor department official, health department official, building official, or others having statutory authority. In the absence of a statutory authority, the Authority Having Jurisdiction may be some other responsible party. This definition shall include the Authority Having Jurisdiction’s duly authorized representative.

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**Backflow** – The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable supply of water from any sources other than its intended source. See Back-Siphonage, Back-Pressure Backflow.

**Backflow Connection** – Any arrangement whereby backflow can occur.

**Back-Pressure Backflow** – Backflow due to an increased pressure above the supply pressure, which may be due to pumps, boilers, gravity, or other sources of pressure.

**Backflow Preventer** – A device or means to prevent backflow into the potable water system.

**Back-Siphonage** – The flowing back of used, contaminated, or polluted water from a plumbing fixture or vessel into a water supply pipe due to a pressure less than atmospheric in such pipe. See Backflow.

**Backwater Valve** – A device installed in a drainage system to prevent reverse flow.