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**NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION**

On February 10, 2023 the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subd. 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subd. 5.

Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within 30 days of its issuance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

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**FINAL INTERPRETATION**

Inquiry:	PB0159
Subject:	Storm drainage surcharge
Code Reference:	2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code: 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) sections 310.5 and 206, as incorporated in the Minnesota Plumbing Code by Minnesota Rules, part 4714.0050.
Submitted by:	Joel Maier BKBM Engineers 6120 Earle Brown Dr., Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55430
Approved by:	Minnesota Plumbing Board, by Richard Becker, P.E., Chair
Date Received:	January 13, 2023
Issue Date:	February 10, 2023

**Question:** Are storm sewers outside of the building footprint allowed to be surcharged?

**Answer:** No, the Plumbing Code does not allow storm sewers to be surcharged.

**Analysis:** The Plumbing Code states that “[n]o fitting, fixture and piping connection, appliance, device, or method of installation that obstructs or retards the flow of water, wastes, sewage, or air in the drainage or venting systems . . . shall be used unless it is indicated as acceptable in this code or is approved in accordance with Section 301.2 of this code.” The Board determined that this provision prohibits storm sewers from being surcharged.

**Commentary:** This request for interpretation was considered at the special meeting of the Board on February 10, 2023. All parties had an opportunity to be heard. As required by Minnesota

Statutes, section 326B.127, subd. 5, the Minnesota Plumbing Board will consider this final interpretation for adoption as part of the Minnesota Plumbing Code

Date: February 23, 2023

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Richard Becker, P.E., Chair  
Minnesota Plumbing Board