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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
SPS-EH-2012-007

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1. SPS Subject:

The purpose of this SPS is to clarify the permit requirements regarding mop sink construction and location for food service, residence accommodation, and public school facilities.

2. Statutory Overview:

- A. Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)
- B. Arizona Administrative Code
- C. 2009 International Plumbing Code

3. SPS:

The aforementioned regulation specifies that a service sink (aka. Mop sink) or curbed cleaning area must be provided and conveniently located for the cleaning of mops and disposal of mop water. This regulation does not establish a minimum size for a curbed area nor a definition of convenient location.

Provide service sinks or janitorial stations for general cleanup activities in all permitted establishments. Include either a floor basin, leg-mounted mop sink, or a concrete or ceramic tile curbed basin. The minimum size of the basin must be 3 feet square and the curbing at least 4 inches high and 4 inches wide. Connect the basin or sink, with a drain, to the sanitary sewer. Provide hot and cold water, under pressure, with a mixing faucet and approved back flow protection.

Janitorial stations are recommended to be within 300 feet of the permitted establishment. They should be separate from food and beverage preparation and storage areas. The janitorial station must be accessible for use during operation.

If you suspend a water heater over the mop basin, maintain a minimum clearance of 80 inches to provide adequate space for the storage of wet mops. Ceilings in the mop sink area shall be smooth and easily cleanable.

4. SPS Effective Date:

July 1, 2012

5. SPS New Document/Revision Statement:

SPS-EH-2012-007 has been updated on April 2, 2018 to remove reference to pet shops/pet groomers as they are no longer permitted by this Department.

6. Contact Us:

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