

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE
INTERPRETATION**

Interpretation No.: AS-DR (Accessory structures: Permits required to install a 2” diameter drain for a clothes washer or other amenity allowed in Section 13.10.611(c)(2))

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Question

What are the permit requirements for installing a 2-inch diameter drain in an accessory structure to accommodate clothes washer or other amenity as allowed in table one of Section 13.10.611(c)(2)?

Applicable Ordinance Sections

13.10.611(c)(2)

13.10.611(c)(3)iii

INTERPRETATION:

If installing a clothes washer in an accessory structure as allowed under Section 13.10.611(c)(2), or a shower in a pool cabana only, then a 2-inch drain as required under the California Plumbing Code may be installed with a plumbing permit only.*

Reason:

Section 13.10.611(c)(2) of the County Code allows a clothes washer to be installed in a habitable or non-habitable accessory structure with a plumbing permit only, and allows a shower to be installed in a pool cabana as defined in Section 13.10.700-P with a plumbing permit only. Section 13.10.611(c)(3)iii of the County Code limits the drain size in accessory structures to 1½ inch, and requires discretionary approval for larger drains. At the time Section 13.10.611(c)(3)iii was written, the California Plumbing Code required a 1-½ inch drain for clothes washers. Since then, the California Plumbing Code has been revised to require a 2” drain line for the installation of clothes washers and showers.

The intention of Section 13.10.611(c)(3)iii is to allow the installation of a drain required for a clothes washer with a plumbing permit only, or a shower in a pool cabana with a plumbing permit only, and to require a discretionary approval only for drains larger than that required by the California Plumbing Code for such uses. The purpose of this interpretation is to bring the zoning requirements in conformity with the current requirements in the California Plumbing Code, and allow the installation of a 2-inch drain line in an accessory structure with a plumbing permit only, if the drain is installed for an amenity allowed under Section 13.10.611(c)(2).

* Note: A 2-inch diameter drain line may be installed without discretionary approval in a habitable or non-habitable accessory structure only for the purpose of installing a clothes washer, or for the purpose of installing a shower in a pool cabana. Showers are allowed in pool cabanas only, and are not allowed in other habitable or non-habitable accessory structures.

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