NOTICE OF PERMANENT RULE

Building Codes Division
Department of Consumer and Business Services

2026 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code Adoption Including Low-Rise Electrical Provisions

Purpose of the rules

This proposed rule adopts the 2026 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC) and the low-rise residential plumbing provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC). The 2026 OPSC is based on the 2024 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), with Oregon amendments.

Citation

Amends OAR 918-750-0110
This rule is effective Oct. 1, 2026.

Background

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 455.020 and 455.110 require the division to adopt a state building code to govern the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other structures. The law further requires the building code establishes uniform performance standards providing reasonable safeguards for the health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of the residents of Oregon who are occupants and users of buildings, and to provide for the use of modern methods, materials, and maximum energy conservation. The division, with the approval of the appropriate advisory board, may amend such codes provided it conforms to model building codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States.

Under ORS 447.020 the division, with the approval of the State Plumbing Board, adopts rules setting standards for plumbing, known as the OPSC. ORS 455.610 requires the division, with the approval of the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board, to adopt and amend as necessary, a low-rise residential dwelling code that contains all the requirements, including plumbing provisions, related to the construction of residential dwellings three stories or less above grade. The low-rise plumbing provisions of the ORSC are adopted and printed in the OPSC.

The State Plumbing Board needed to select a code review committee to review the base code, public proposals, Oregon amendments, alternate methods, and code interpretations. On Aug. 21, 2025, the board members discussed appointing a code review committee and issued a solicitation for members. The solicitation closed on Sept. 7, 2025, and seven members were selected for the code review committee. The OPSC code review committee completed an analysis of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, existing Oregon code amendments, statewide interpretations, and alternate method rulings.

The code review committee met three times on March 2, 2026, March 9, 2026, and March 16, 2026. On April 16, 2026, the State Plumbing Board approved the review committee's recommendation for the 2026 OPSC and recommended that the code be adopted in rule. On July 1, 2026, the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board reviewed and approved the committee's recommendation for the low-rise residential plumbing provisions. The division filed a notice of public hearing on July 27, 2026. On Aug. 18, 2026, the division held a rulemaking hearing for this proposed rulemaking. The division did not receive any comments during the hearing or comment period.

Access more information about the code adoption process for the 2026 OPSC.

Summary

OAR 918-750-0110 is amended to adopt the 2026 edition of the OPSC. The OPSC is based on the 2024 UPC and includes Oregon-specific amendments to align with Oregon laws and rules.

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AMEND: 918-750-0110

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RULE SUMMARY: Amends the rule adopting the previous version of the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code.
Changes the effective date from October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2026.
Changes the base model code from the 2021 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code with Oregon amendments to the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code with Oregon amendments.

CHANGES TO RULE:

918-750-0110
Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code ¶

(1) The Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code is adopted pursuant to OAR chapter 918, division 8.¶
(2) Effective October 1, 202~~3~~6, the 202~~3~~6 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code is based upon the following: ¶
(a) The 202~~1 E~~4 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, Fi~~rst~~fth Printing;¶
(b) Chapters 1-11 and 13-17;¶
(c) Appendices A, B, C, D, E, K, and M; and¶
(d) As further amended by the division.¶

(3) Chapter 12, and Appendices F, G, H, I, J, L, N, O, P, Q, R, and ~~N~~S of the 202~~1~~4 Uniform Plumbing Code are not adopted as part of the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code.¶
(4) Appendices L and N are available to be adopted by local jurisdictions.¶
[Publications: Publications are available for review at the division. See division website for information on where to purchase publications.]
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 447.020, ORS 455.020, ORS 455.030, ORS 455.110
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