

VIRGINIA STATE BUILDING CODE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

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Code: Virginia Plumbing Code/2015

Section No(s): Section 410.4

410.4 Substitution.

Where restaurants provide drinking water in a container free of charge, drinking fountains shall not be required in those restaurants. In other occupancies where drinking fountains are required, water dispensers shall be permitted to be substituted for not more than 50 percent of the required number of drinking fountains.

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**QUESTION #1:** May the faucet of a pantry sink be used as a required water dispenser?

**ANSWER:** No, the term water dispenser is used in the drinking fountain section of the code and is specific to that use so it needs to be accessible; therefore, a sink with a faucet is not an appropriate means of substituting for a required drinking fountain.

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Chairman, State Building Code Technical Review Board