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Existing Water Heater Installation Policy (*Basement*)

In accordance with sections 301.1.4 and 301.2 of the currently adopted Idaho State Plumbing Code, the City of Twin Falls will allow the following TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE RELIEF (T&P) VALVE/DRAIN installation alternate methods for **existing** water heater installations within an existing basement. This policy is only applicable to replacement installation (retro's). All applicable code sections regarding air gap/break, size and material of valve and drain pipe, prohibition of s/o valves and traps, drain pipe to be ran independently from other drainage piping, etc. will apply.

1. T&P drain to piping to be piped to an approved pump system. Pump system to be approved for the fluid temperatures generated from the water heater;
OR
2. Water heater to have a pan installed under it with T&P drain piped to terminate into the pan. The pan's drain port needs to be plugged and an approved water alarm must be installed within the pan. If this method is used, the installer shall notify the property owner of the potential for water damage in the event that the T&P should fully discharge into the basement.

*Please contact the City's Plumbing Inspector at 735-7299 with any questions you have regarding this installation of water heaters, this policy and/or with any other alternate installation proposals you may have.

Thank you,
Jarrod Bordi
Building Official

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