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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Permit Applicants

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SUBJECT: Drinking Fountain Requirement

We often get questions concerning drinking fountain requirements when a single unit is specified.

Section 410 of the 2010 Florida Building Code – Plumbing states that “*Drinking fountains shall conform to ASME A112.19.1M, ASME A112.19.2M or ASME A112.19.9M and water coolers shall conform to ARI 1010.*” It is clear that a drinking fountain and water cooler are two distinctly different fixtures. Section 410 goes on to state that in certain occupancies, water coolers or bottled water dispensers shall be permitted to be substituted for not more than fifty percent of the required drinking fountains. Thus it is clear that where a drinking fountain is required, the plumbing code requires that as a minimum, one must be a drinking fountain, and not a water cooler or bottled water cooler/dispenser.

Section 211 of the 2010 Florida Building Code – Accessibility requires a minimum of two drinking fountains, but has an **EXCEPTION:** *Where a single drinking fountain complies with 602.1 through 602.6, and 602.7, it shall be permitted to be substituted for two separate drinking fountains.* To meet these requirements it must be a hi-lo drinking fountain.

Therefore, if you are only providing one drinking fountain, it must be a hi-lo drinking fountain.