

# BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

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**INTERPRETATION**

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Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006
Subject:	Building Service Locations
Keywords:	Building Services, Right of Ways
Building Code Reference(s):	Div. A Part 1, 1.1.1.1.(1)(n) & (2)(a) & 1.4.1.2.

### Question:

1. Is a water service pipe on private property regulated by the B.C. Building Code and if so what sections of the code would apply?
2. When does the authority having jurisdiction change?
3. If a water service pipe from an owners private water source is located on the subject property does the B.C. Building Code apply?

### Interpretation:

1. Yes

Div. A Part 1. Clause 1.1.1.1.(1)(n) indicates this code applies to the design, installation, extension, alteration, renewal or repairs of plumbing systems which by definition includes a water service from a private water supply system located on the same property.

2. Div. A Part 1 Clause 1.1.1.1.(2)(a) indicates that this code does not apply to services such as sewage, water, electrical, telephone, rail or similar public infrastructure systems located in a street as defined in Div. A Part 1 Article 1.4.1.2. or public transit right of way located on or through private property.

3. Yes

For the same reasons indicated in the answer to Question 1.

  
R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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