703.4
Reuse of Buried Drain and Sewer Piping

**CHANGE TYPE:** Modification

**CHANGE SUMMARY:** The use of existing building sewers and existing building drains for new building plumbing system is clarified.

**2018 CODE:** 703.4 Existing building sewers and building drains. Existing building sewers and building drains shall connect with new building sewer and drainage systems only where found by examination and test to conform to that will serve the new system shall be internally examined to verify that the piping is sloping in quality the correct direction, is not broken, is not obstructed and is sized for the drainage load of material. The code official shall notify the owner new plumbing drainage system to make the changes necessary to conform to this code. be installed.

**CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE:** “Testing” of old, existing buried building drains or building sewers might not ever be successful, eliminating the possibility for their reuse. As such piping is nonpressurized gravity flow, a test means very little. What is important is a visual, internal examination (typically by video camera equipment) to make sure that the piping is viable for reuse. This is especially beneficial where the piping would be difficult to replace, such as where it crosses under parking lots and streets.

Old existing building sewer need not be replaced