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Description: Future Fixtures

419.0  2003 UPC
When provisions are made for the future installation of fixtures, those provided for shall be considered in determining the required sizes of drain pipes. Construction for future installations shall be terminated with a plugged fitting or fittings. Where the plugged fitting is at the point where the trap of a fixture is installed, the plumbing system for such fixture shall be complete and conform with the plumbing requirements of this code.

When the system is plumbed per the underlined section, water lines must be installed at time of rough in. Where the waste and vents are stubbed through the floor and capped, water lines need not be extended to future fixture locations. However, a vent that is run separately or combined through the roof must be stubbed into the unfinished area and capped. Water lines must also be stubbed into the unfinished area. When these provisions are met, a final may be given without the system being complete. In all cases, it should be entered in the notes that provisions have been made for the future installation of fixtures.
References/Code Citations:

2003 UPC, 419.0 / 417.0 ISPC
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