This policy is to establish the permitting and inspection requirements for the installation of a “Tankless” Water Heater in an existing Residential Dwelling that was previously equipped with a “Tank Type” Water Heater. Due to the variances in the required gas supply, and the venting system requirements, the following permits, inspections, and certifications will be required when installing a “Tankless” Water Heater.

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The water heater manufacturer installation instructions must be on site for all inspections.

**PERMITS**

1) Gas Permit – For gas piping and venting of water heater
2) Electrical Permit - When a new circuit is required or extended
3) Plumbing Permit – When extending water piping more than 10 feet or changing pipe material

**INSPECTIONS**

1) Gas Pressure Test - If more than 12 gas joints and/or any portion of the new piping or gas venting is to be concealed.
2) Gas Final - If less than 12 gas joints, and all gas piping and gas venting is exposed
3) Electrical Final (If Required)
4) Plumbing Final (If Required)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

1) Prince William County Certified Gas Piping Diagram
2) Prince William County Vent/Chimney Certification - When the previous water heater shared a common vent with another fuel-burning appliance. The “common” vent must be certified to meet the size requirements for the remaining appliance, per the IRC code.

**Attachments/Hyperlinks:**

- Prince William County Certified Gas Piping Diagram
- Prince William County Vent/ Chimney Certification