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TILE SHOWER WALLS/SURROUNDS

The City of Davis has amended the Building Code to prohibit the use of adhesive applied tile shower walls over water resistant gypsum board.

The following construction will be approved:

- Any listed product that is installed per the installation instructions. The instructions must show the (1) vapor barrier (if required), (2) spacing of nails or screws, (3) how the joints and corners are sealed.
- Traditional mortar bed over paper and wire is also an approved method.

Inspections will vary depending on the system chosen. Framing will be inspected before wall covering is installed and plumbing can be seen at this time. Inspection of the moisture barrier is required. Inspection of the wall covering attachment requires inspection. If a new built up or membrane shower pan is being installed, a water test is required. If there are exterior walls involved, then insulation will be inspected.

Other materials/methods that provide equivalent protection may also be approved. If you wish to use alternate methods or materials, submit specifications, installation instructions, and ICC Report (or other listing agency report) with permit application.