

**INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS**  
**OF BUILDING CODES & REGULATIONS #15-6**

**CODE SECTIONS:** 2015 IBC section 2902 and 1109.5  
and IPC Table 403.1



**SUBJECT: ALTERNATES TO DRINKING FOUNTAINS**

When Table 2902.1 (IBC 2015) or Table 403.1 (IPC 2015) requires one (1) drinking fountain be provided and Chapter 11 section 1109.5 will require one (1) Hi-Lo or one (1) drinking fountain to be installed meeting the requirements for persons standing **and** one (1) be installed for people who use a wheelchair.

**Scottsdale will allow the following alternatives when one (1) drinking fountain is required by the IPC/IBC. All alternatives will require flat bottom cups and straws to be provided and available to all occupants.**

- 1) A bottled water dispenser.
- 2) A mini refrigerator with individually bottled water.
- 3) A refrigerator with a water dispenser in the door that is not more than 34" above the finished floor.
- 4) A break room sink set in a counter not more than 34" above the finished floor and as close as possible to the center of the space (between the walls and not in a corner) with a 30" X 48" wheelchair space provided in front of the sink.

All options above shall be on an accessible route and be fully accessible to all occupants of the space and available for their use without special knowledge or assistance unless assistance is requested. A plan note is required to show compliance with these alternates.

The above alternates are deemed to be in compliance with City of Scottsdale's ordinance for accessibility to the disabled; other requirements may require the owner/tenant/applicant to conform to the "Americans with Disabilities Act"