

CHAPTER 159

UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE

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159.01 CONNECTION AUTHORITY. No person other than a licensed plumber may make any connections with any water, sewer or other pipes.

159.02 CODE ADOPTED. The *Uniform Plumbing Code*, 2006 Edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and the appendices and the installation standards thereto are hereby adopted by reference as the Plumbing Code for the City.

1. Amendment to Uniform Plumbing Code. Chapter 1212.0

(A) Gas supply pipe shall be rigid metallic pipe and fittings from gas meter to furnaces, boilers and water heaters.

159.03 OFFICIAL DESIGNATED. The Building Official under the Plumbing Code shall be the Director of Building and Zoning or designee.

159.04 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Apprentice” means a person who has worked under the direct supervision of a plumbing contractor or a journeyman plumber in performing actual plumbing work subject to the direct supervision of a licensed plumber.

2. “Journeyman plumber” means a person who is employed by a master licensed plumbing contractor and who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to do plumbing work in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing such work and the *Uniform Plumbing Code* and appendices referred to in Section 159.02 of this chapter.

3. “Plumbing contractor” means any person, firm, corporation, association, or combination thereof, who or which undertakes or offers to undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise, and do plumbing work for a fixed sum, price, fee, percentage, or other compensation.

159.05 LICENSE REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the plumbing business as a plumbing contractor in the City without having first secured a license from the City. No person other than a licensed plumbing contractor may carry on or be engaged in the plumbing business. No plumbing contractor shall employ for plumbing work any but journeyman plumbers licensed under this chapter.

159.06 EXCEPTION. An apprentice employed to assist a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber need not be licensed. However, such apprentices shall perform no work which is not under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman plumber. In addition, all such apprentices shall be registered with the City and shall be issued a registration card for a fee of \$10.00. The registration card shall be presented upon request by the Director of Building and Zoning of the City or such Director’s designee.

159.07 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

1. Contractor Licensure: The following shall be required for annual licensure as a plumbing contractor in the City:
 - A. Successful completion of an examination and testing as shall be designated by the Director of Building and Zoning of the City, which examination and testing shall be uniform as to all persons applying for licensure as a plumbing contractor. Fees for such testing shall be paid directly to the person or organization administering the testing, which person or organization shall certify the results to the plumbing inspector.
 - B. Insurance as required in subsection 3 of this section.
 - C. Payment of a fee of \$60.00 if the license is for a period greater than six (6) months; payment of the sum of \$35.00 if the license will expire in less than six (6) months from the date of issue.
 - D. Any permit application shall be accompanied with the State contractor registration number assigned to the plumbing contractor.
2. Journeyman Licensure: The following is required for annual licensure as a journeyman plumber in the City:
 - A. A person shall have at least two (2) years practical experience as an apprentice assisting in the installation of plumbing work. One year of apprenticeship may be waived if the applicant has a certificate from a vocational-technical school with six (6) months training in plumbing work. All applicants shall successfully complete an examination and such testing as shall be designated by the plumbing inspector of the City, which examination and testing shall be uniform as to all persons applying for licensure as a journeyman plumber. Fees for such testing shall be paid directly to the person or organization administering the test, which person or organization shall certify the results to the plumbing inspector.
 - B. Payment of a fee of \$20.00 if the license is for a period of greater than six (6) months and \$12.00 if the license will expire in less than six (6) months.
3. Insurance Requirements. With each application for a plumbing contractor's license submitted in accordance with this section, there shall be filed a satisfactory certificate indicating that the applicant has obtained or is covered by liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000.00 per occurrence for the protection of the City, the principal contractor, and the property owner against personal injury, loss or damage by reason of careless or negligence of the person furnishing the insurance or that person's failure to execute properly the work and to cover the applicant or any persons working for the applicant on any work under his or her supervision during the period covered by the license to be issued.
4. Exemption and Renewal. An applicant for a plumbing contractor's license or a journeyman plumber's license shall be exempt from the testing and examination requirements set forth in subsections 1 and 2 of this section if such applicant is currently licensed as a plumbing contractor or a journeyman plumber in any municipality which requires the same examination and testing that is required by the plumbing inspector of the City, provided that such applicants shall have successfully completed such examination and testing. Applicants shall further be exempt from testing requirements for annual renewal of a plumbing contractor license or a journeyman plumber license in the City if such applicant shall have passed the examination and testing which would be otherwise required and shall have completed eight (8) hours of continuing education within the past twelve months as shall be designated by the plumbing inspector of the City, following adoption of any updated edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and for which the

applicant shall present a certificate of completion. All annual licenses issued under this chapter shall expire on March 31 in each year. No license issued under this chapter shall be transferable. Any license not renewed by April 30 in each year shall be subject to a late renewal fee of \$5.00 for the period May 1 through May 31. Any license not renewed by May 31 each year shall be subject to all testing requirements of this chapter for renewal.

159.08 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION. In addition to other penalties provided for, the plumbing inspector may revoke or suspend the license of any holder of a license issued under the provisions of this chapter if the license holder has substantially violated this chapter or other provisions of this Code of Ordinances. The plumbing inspector shall not revoke or suspend a license without first notifying the license holder of his or her right to a hearing on the matter. A person whose license has been revoked shall not be permitted to apply for another license within one year from the date of revocation.

159.09 PERMIT REQUIRED TO TAP MAIN. No person except licensed plumbers having a special permit from the Water Department shall be permitted to tap the water main or distributing pipe, or insert stopcocks or ferrules therein and the kind and size shall be that specified in the permit.

159.10 PAYMENT OF FEES. Section 103.1 of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*, 2006, adopted by reference in Section 159.02 of this chapter, is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of Section 157.05 of this Code of Ordinances.