

LOGAN-HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT PLUMBING REGULATION #5

WHEREAS, a regulation establishing standards governing the installation, alteration, maintenance, testing, and inspection of plumbing; establishing a plumbing regulation and its enforcement as a local regulation; adopting the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapter 1225, Ohio Building Code as in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended, by incorporation by reference, requiring a register of persons engaged in the plumbing business, and requiring permits and the approval of plans and specifications for plumbing work in order to protect the public health and welfare and to prevent the contamination of water supplies and to provide for the sanitary collection of wastes in the Logan-Hocking County Health District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Health of the Logan-Hocking County Health District (District) as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this regulation:

- 1.1 ALTERATION means the modification of the existing plumbing system to accommodate the installation of additional plumbing fixtures or replacement of the water and/or drain lines with new materials. Minor repairs made to the plumbing system and replacement of the existing fixtures is not considered a plumbing alteration and is not subject to this regulation. Minor repairs do not include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, or other work affecting public health or general safety.
- 1.2 APPRENTICE means any person with less than five years experience or having not passed the journeyman's test and employed by a licensed Plumbing Contractor. An apprentice must be supervised by a Journeyman plumber or a person with a Plumbing Contractor's License.
- 1.3 BACKFLOW TECHNICIAN means a Journeyman plumber with the proper experience and proper certification from the State of Ohio, through training and testing, as a backflow technician.
- 1.4 DWELLING means any building, which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used by human occupants not included in Section 3781.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall include any single-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling.
- 1.5 HEALTH COMMISSIONER means the legally designated health commissioner of the District, or his authorized representative.
- 1.6 JOURNEYMAN means a plumber who may work at the trade in the employment of a Plumbing Contractor. A Journeyman must have at least five years experience working for

a licensed Plumbing Contractor or completed a registered plumbing apprenticeship program and has passed a journeyman's plumbing test given by the Hocking County Board of Health. A Journeyman may help supervise apprentices but may not acquire a plumbing permit.

- 1.7 **MANUFACTURED HOME PLUMBING INSTALLER** means a person who connects the water line for a manufactured home to the water system and the sewer line on a manufactured home to the sewage or sewer system. Manufactured home plumbing installers shall be able to acquire permits for making the final connections on HUD standard manufactured homes only. This does not include those units constructed to meet the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 1.8 **PERSON** means any individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership.
- 1.9 **PLUMBING** means the practice, materials, and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension, and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: drainage systems, the venting systems, and the water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance; also, the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension, or alteration of liquid-waste, or drainage and water supply systems of any premises.
- 1.10 **PLUMBING CONTRACTOR** means a person who has obtained a Ohio Plumbing Contractor's License through the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB). A Plumbing Contractor may acquire a permit for plumbing in the Hocking County Health District and may supervise journeymen and apprentices.
- 1.11 **PLUMBING FIXTURES** means installed receptacles, devices or appliances, which are supplied with water or which receive or discharge liquids or liquid-borne wastes, with or without discharge into the drainage system with which they may be directly or indirectly connected.
- 1.12 **PROPER ENFORCEMENT** means an adequate staff of plumbing inspectors with qualifications in plumbing or plumbing inspection work substantially equal to the qualifications of plumbing inspectors employed by the Ohio Department of Health, as provided under Section 3703.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; an adequate record system; and proper application and enforcement of this regulation.
- 1.13 **PUBLIC BUILDING OR PLACE** means any building or place as used in Section 3781.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, and any other similar building or place where plumbing is installed, is to be installed, or is to be a part thereof.
- 1.14 **WATER CONDITIONER INSTALLER** means a person who is skilled in the installation of water conditioners as to abide by the requirements of the State of Ohio Plumbing Code. Such person shall be able to acquire permits for the installation of water conditioning equipment only.

SECTION 2. Plumbing for Public Buildings and Dwellings

Incorporation by Reference of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapter 1225, Ohio Building Code, in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended.

Purpose: This regulation applies to all plumbing in public buildings and to all plumbing in single, two and three-family dwellings in the Hocking County Health District. [*newly constructed has been deleted*]

- 2.1 All plumbing in or for public buildings or places located in the District shall be installed, altered, maintained, tested, and inspected in accordance with this regulation and the provisions of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Ohio Department of Commerce has designated and approved the District to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore.
- 2.2 All plumbing in or for [*newly constructed has been deleted*]single-family, two-family, and three-family dwellings in the District shall be installed, altered, maintained, tested, and inspected in accordance with these regulations and the applicable provisions of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation.
- 2.3 It is the purpose of this regulation to adopt by incorporation by reference the standards and methods regarding plumbing installations, alterations, maintenance, testing, and inspections of all plumbing in the District as is provided in the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended, and to provide, as soon as possible, for the proper enforcement of such provisions to protect the public health, to prevent the contamination of water supplies, to provide the sanitary collection of wastes, and to make unnecessary the exercise of this authority by the Ohio Department of Commerce as is provided in Section 3703.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2.4 A complete copy of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 1225, Ohio Building Code as in effect January 1, 2004, which is incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation, is on file for inspection by the public at the office of the Logan-Hocking County District Board of Health.
- 2.5 A complete list of all types of public buildings or places which the Ohio Department of Commerce designates and approves the health district to make plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore, shall be on file for inspection by the public at the office of the District.

- 2.6 Copies of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapter 1225, Ohio Building Code, in effect January 1, 2004, as may be subsequently amended, which is incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation are available to any resident of the District or any person affected by this regulation at the adopted fee for the document.

SECTION 3. Register of Persons in the Plumbing Business

- 3.1 The Health Commissioner shall maintain a register of all persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business in the District.
- 3.2 Any persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business as a Plumbing Contractor, Journeyman, Apprentice, Water Conditioner Installer, Manufactured Home Plumbing Installer, or Backflow Technician in the Hocking County Health District shall make application to the Health Commissioner on a form provided by the Health Commissioner to have his/her name placed on the register. The application form shall contain the name and address of the person making application and the name and address of the firm or place of business he/she is associated with, and such other information as the Health Commissioner determines will reasonably aid in the administration and enforcement of these regulations. A license/permit bond in the amount of \$20,000.00 must be submitted with the application for Plumbing Contractor, Water Conditioner Installer, and Manufactured Home Plumbing Installer. The license/permit bond must state the name of the company, list as obligee the District, and must have an expiration corresponding with the calendar year December 31. Proof of general liability insurance must be submitted with the application for Plumbing Contractor and Water Conditioner Installer. A current O.C.I.L.B. Plumbing Contractors License must be submitted with the application for Plumbing Contractor. A current State of Ohio Backflow Tester Certification and current calibration of test equipment must be submitted with the application for Backflow Technician.
- 3.3 Any person making application to have his/her name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business shall submit with such application the current registration fee in accordance with the District fee schedule.
- 3.4 Upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner, the District, may, after a hearing, remove the name of any person from the register of persons in the plumbing business that has demonstrated inability or unwillingness to comply with this regulation and the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapter 1225, Ohio Building Code, in effect January 1, 2004. Such person may have his/her name reinstated on the register of persons in the plumbing business by the Board of Health upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner after satisfactory demonstration of ability and willingness to comply with this regulation and the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapter 1225, as in effect January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. Permit Required; Approval of Plans; Fee

- 4.1 No person shall perform plumbing in any public building or place or dwelling, except in cases of leaks or repairs in existing plumbing, until plans and specifications for such plumbing work have been submitted and approved and a permit has been obtained from the Health Commissioner; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Ohio Department of Commerce has designated and approved the Hocking County Health District to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore and to all dwellings.
- 4.2 The application to the Health Commissioner for a permit to do plumbing work shall be made on forms provided by the Health Commissioner and shall be accompanied by the plans and specifications required by this regulation.
- 4.3 No person shall do any plumbing in any public building or place or dwelling whose name is not on the register maintained by the Health Commissioner as provided in Section 3 of this regulation. This provision shall not be applicable to persons who are the owners of a single-family home which serves as their primary residence and desire to perform plumbing on their residence. No person shall be required to register to perform plumbing in a house that he/she owns and resides.
- 4.4 The plans and specifications required by this regulation shall contain sufficient detail and information to permit a clear understanding and an intelligent review of the proposed plumbing work. When such plans and specifications do not contain the necessary information and details or, if after review and investigation, alterations or revisions are required, additional, supplemental, or revised plans and specifications and other data shall be submitted upon notification from the Health Commissioner.
- 4.5 After review of the plans and specifications submitted, one copy shall be retained and filed in the office of the Health District, and the other copy shall be returned to the person who submitted such plans and specifications. The returned plans shall be marked to show the approval or disapproval of such plans. No plumbing work shall be installed or altered except in exact accordance with the approved plans. When any change or modification is deemed necessary or desirable, such change or modification shall be incorporated in the revised plans and specifications and shall be submitted to the Health Commissioner in the same manner as is required for the original plans.
- 4.6 Each application to the Health Commissioner for a permit to do plumbing shall be accompanied by the current fee in accordance with the Hocking County Board of Health fee schedule.
- 4.7 The application for a permit to do plumbing work and the plans and specifications submitted shall be acted upon by the Health Commissioner without undue delay and in every case shall be acted upon within thirty (30) days after application is made and the required plans and specifications submitted.

4.8 The permit to do any plumbing work shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises where the plumbing work is being done.

SECTION 5. Penalties

5.1 Any person who violates any provision of this regulation shall be in violation of Section 3707.48 or 3707.50 and subject to the penalties provided by Section 3707.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. Effect of Partial Invalidity

6.1 Should any part of this regulation be declared unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this regulation shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

7.1 This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2004 as may be subsequently amended.

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