CHAPTER 15

PLUMBING CODE

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15.01 STATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED.

(1) Wis. Adm. Code Chs. SPS 381 to 385 are hereby made a part of this chapter by reference and shall apply to the installation of all plumbing in the City.

(2) Section 145.06, Wis. Stats., is hereby made a part of this chapter by reference and shall apply to the licensing of those engaged in plumbing in the City.

15.02 PLUMBING DEFINED. The definition of "plumbing" in §145.01(10), Wis. Stats is hereby made a part of this chapter by reference.

15.03 PLUMBING INSPECTOR; POWERS AND DUTIES.

(1) The Plumbing Inspector shall perform such duties as are provided for in §145.05, Wis. Stats.

(2) The Inspector shall be under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of the Division of Building Inspection and shall enforce all the provisions of this chapter. He shall prepare suitable forms for applications, permits and other reports.

(3) The Inspector shall investigate all reports of improper or defective plumbing. If such investigation discloses violation of any regulation of this chapter, the Inspector shall notify the owner or agent of such premises to correct any such violation. Any person who fails to comply with such notice shall be subject to the penalty as provided in sec. 15.11 of this chapter.

(4) The Inspector shall have the authority to enter all buildings in the City during reasonable hours.

(5) The Inspector is authorized to withhold approval of an application for a plumbing permit to any person who has not complied with a lawful order of the Plumbing Inspector or pursuant to § 66.0115, Wis. Stats. Any person refused a permit may appeal in writing within five (5) days to the Superintendent of the Division of Building Inspection.

15.04 INSPECTIONS. The plumber in charge shall have the duty to notify the Plumbing Inspector whenever any work such as building sewer, building drain, stack test, or water and waste piping is ready for inspection or when the plumbing is ready for final inspection.

15.05 APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS. (1) No plumbing shall be installed in the City without obtaining a permit from the Plumbing Inspector.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by a complete and legible set of plans of the work to be done or, in lieu thereof, such written description or information as shall be acceptable to the Plumbing Inspector.

(a) The number of fixtures as required in SPS **Table 382.20-2** requiring Plan Review shall be ten (10) or more.

(b) Any ***new*** public building or tenant space will require Plumbing Plan Review, regardless of the number of fixtures.

(3) A plumbing permit shall remain in force for twenty four (24) months after the date of issuance. No work shall be done after a permit has expired unless a new permit is obtained.

15.06 PAYMENT.

(1) Permit fees shall be paid prior to a permit being issued.

(2) REFUNDS. No fees paid under this chapter shall be refunded unless the Plumbing Inspector determines that the fees were not owed to the City. Any related costs incurred by the City, including the cost of making the refund, may be deducted from a refund made under this section if the Plumbing Inspector determines that the person to whom the refund is made bears some fault in creating the conditions requiring the refund.

(3) FEE SCHEDULE. The fees for permits, inspections, reports, variances, applications and any other matter under this chapter shall be determined from time to time by the Common Council. A schedule of such fees shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Inspector.

15.07 ABANDONMENT OF SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS. Any person demolishing or moving a building or structure that is served by sewer or water, or both, shall engage a licensed master plumber and obtain a permit to properly abandon the building sewer or water connections. The location of the abandonment shall be determined by the Plumbing Inspector.

15.08 CLEAR WATER SUMPS. Any sump pump installed for the purpose of discharging clear waters from surface and foundation drains and ground infiltration shall discharge into the storm sewer when the Plumbing Inspector determines the discharge is a menace to the public health and safety or a nuisance. Where it is impractical to conform with the above requirements, the discharge shall be located at the discretion of the Plumbing Inspector.

15.09 ADDITIONAL CITY REQUIREMENTS.

(1) The water shall not be turned on or off at the stop box except by a duly authorized employee of the Water Department.

(2) It shall be the duty of the plumber in charge to notify the Water Department when the plumbing is ready for water meter installation.

(3) A Backwater Valve shall be installed and maintained in each building drain where the flood level rim of the lowest fixture is lower than the manhole rim of the public sewer main serving that building.

15.10 LIABILITY OF CITY. This chapter shall not be construed as imposing any liability on the part of the City for damage to anyone injured or any property destroyed by any defect in any building or equipment, or any plumbing or by reason of any inspection made by any City officer or employee.

15.11 PENALTY. Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, be subject to a Municipal Citation at the current bond schedule. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.