

## CHAPTER 3

### PLUMBING CODE

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#### SEC. 11-3-1 PLUMBING DEFINED

- (a) In this Chapter, "plumbing" means and includes:
- (1) All piping fixtures, appliances, equipment, devices and appurtenances in connection with the water supply, water distribution and drainage systems, including hot water storage tanks, water softeners and water heaters connected with such water and drainage systems, and the installation thereof.
  - (2) The construction, connection or installation of any drain or waste piping system from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the mains or other sewerage system terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems, and the alteration of such systems, drains or waste piping.
  - (3) The water service piping from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the main or other water utility service terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes and its connections.
  - (4) The water pressure systems other than municipal systems as provided in Chapter 281, Wis. Stats.

- (5) A plumbing and drainage system so designed, and vent piping so installed, as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement; to prevent with a margin of safety unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, siphon or affect trap seals or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures or permit sewer air to escape into the building; to prohibit cross-connection, contamination or pollution of the potable water supply and distribution systems; and to provide an adequate supply of water to properly serve, cleanse and operate all fixtures, equipment, appurtenances and appliances served by the plumbing system.

(b) "Plumbing" does not include minor repairs to faucets or the removal of stoppages in soil or waste pipes.

### **SEC. 11-3-2 STATE CODE ADOPTED**

Ch. 145, Wis. Stats., Chs. Comm 82-87, Wis. Adm. Code, and NR 110 and 113 of the Rules of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, are hereby made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as though set forth in full. They shall govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the City. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of such regulations shall constitute a violation of this chapter, punishable according to the penalties provided herein.

### **SEC. 11-3-3 PLUMBERS TO BE LICENSED**

All plumbing work shall be done by a plumber licensed by the State for such work. A property owner may make repairs or installations in a single-family building owned and occupied by him as his home if a permit therefore is issued and the work is done in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter.

### **SEC. 11-3-4 STREET EXCAVATIONS; BOND REQUIRED**

See Section 4-1-1 of this Code of Ordinances.

### **SEC. 11-3-5 PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

(a) APPOINTMENT; DUTIES. The Plumbing Inspector shall be appointed by the City Manager. He shall perform the duties required under Section 145.05(1), Wis. Stats., and those prescribed under this chapter and delegated to him by the City Manager, the City Engineer or the Council.

## (b) DUTIES AND AUTHORITY.

## (1) Authority to Enter Premises.

- (a) In the discharge of his duties, the Plumbing Inspector or his authorized agent may enter any building, upon presentation of the proper credentials, during reasonable hours for inspection, except as restricted by law, and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Inspector while in the performance of his duties and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this Chapter and subject to a penalty as provided by Section 1-1-7 of this Code.
- (b) If consent to entry to personal or real properties which are not public buildings, or to portions of public buildings which are not open to the public, for inspection purposes has been denied, the Plumbing Inspector shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Sections 66.122 and 66.123, Wis. Stats.

## (2) Permits. The Plumbing Inspector or his authorized agent shall prepare suitable forms for permit applications and permits, shall take applications and issue to qualified applicants permits as required for all work contemplated by this chapter and shall maintain suitable records of the permits issued. He shall submit permit fees collected by his office at least monthly to the City Treasurer.

## (3) Records and Reports.

- (a) To the Council. The Plumbing Inspector shall keep in his office a daily record of all the transactions of his office and shall make reports thereon to the Council as required.
- (b) To State Agencies. The Plumbing Inspector shall make reports to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies as required.
- (c) Record of Special Locations. The Plumbing Inspector shall keep a record of all sewer connections and shall make maps showing the locations of the same and the positions of all house drains, connections, junctions and other data necessary for the efficient operation of his office.

- (4) **Stop Work Orders.** The Plumbing Inspector may order work stopped on the construction, installation, alteration or repair of plumbing when such work is being done in violation of this chapter. Work so stopped shall not be resumed except on written permission of the Plumbing Inspector. If the stop work order is an oral one, it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.
- (5) **Scope of Investigation.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 11-3-10, the Plumbing Inspector shall investigate all reports of improper or defective plumbing or drainage. If such investigation discloses violation of any regulation of this or the State Plumbing Code, the Plumbing Inspector shall notify the owner or agent of such premises by person or by registered mail to correct any such improper or defective installation in compliance with the regulations of the Code within thirty (30) days. Any person failing to comply with such notice shall be subject to a penalty as regulated in Section 1-1-7 of this Code.

### **SEC. 11-3-6 PLUMBING PERMIT**

(a) **REQUIRED; APPLICATION.** No plumbing shall be installed in the City without first filing an application and receiving a permit. Each application shall be approved by the Plumbing Inspector before the permit is issued. Licensed master plumbers only may receive such permits, except that a permit may be issued to a property owner to install plumbing in a single-family building owned and occupied by such owner as his home.

(b) **ISSUANCE, TERM, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.** When the Plumbing Inspector is satisfied that the work proposed by the applicant can be done in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter, and after the appropriate fees have been paid to him, he shall issue the permit. Such permit shall be good for the continuous performance of the work named thereon. A permit shall automatically expire when work ceases for sixty (60) days without good and reasonable cause for same or on completion of the work for which it was issued. The Plumbing Inspector may, upon notice, suspend or revoke such permit for violation of the provisions of this Chapter.

(c) **RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE.**

- (1) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person who is in violation of this Chapter until such violation has been corrected.
- (2) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person against whom an order

issued by the Plumbing Inspector is pending.

(d) **APPEALS FOR FAILURE TO ISSUE, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.**

Any person directly interested who is aggrieved by the decision of the Plumbing Inspector to refuse to issue a permit or to suspend or revoke such permit as provided in Subsections (b) or (c) shall be entitled to an appeal before the State Plumbing Supervisor of this district within ten (10) days.

(e) **FEES.** Fees shall be paid to the Plumbing Inspector as provided in Section 1-2-1 before the plumbing permit is issued.

### **SEC. 11-3-7 INSPECTION**

The plumber in charge shall notify the Plumbing Inspector whenever any work is ready for inspection (i.e., soil vent, underground drain, final inspection), such notification and inspections to be done in compliance with subsection Comm 82.21, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **SEC. 11-3-8 PLUMBING INSPECTOR TO REPORT DATA TO ENGINEER**

The Plumbing Inspector, when the application for a permit does not state the exact location where a connection is to be made with a public sewer or water main or the exact location of a stop box or other apparatus, shall report such location to the City Engineer in writing. The Plumbing Inspector shall furnish to the City Engineer such other data as the City Engineer may require for his records with reference to any plumbing work for which a permit has been issued and which has been inspected by the Plumbing Inspector.

### **SEC. 11-3-9 PLANS**

Architects, engineers, designers and plumbers should consult with the Plumbing Inspector before proceeding with the plans for the installation of plumbing and drainage in buildings to be erected or submit complete plans thereof so that they may be examined, corrected or approved before estimates are received or contracts let.

### **SEC. 11-3-10 CROSS CONNECTIONS**

(a) **PROHIBITED.** No person shall establish or maintain any cross connection within the City.

(b) **PLUMBING INSPECTOR AUTHORIZED.** It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the City public water

system where cross connections, as defined in Comm 82.55 and NR 110 and 113, are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on the potential health hazards involved shall be part of the program and as approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

(c) DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE.

- (1) The Plumbing Inspector is authorized and directed to cause the water service to be discontinued to any premises wherein any cross connection exists in violation of this section and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system.
- (2) Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., except as provided in Subsection (4) below.
- (3) A written order issued by the Plumbing Inspector shall be served upon the owner or his agent notifying him of the existence, nature and location of the violation and stipulating a reasonable time for correction. The order shall be served upon the owner or his agent personally, or by sending a copy thereof by registered mail, by posting a copy thereof in a conspicuous place in or about the premises affected by the notice, or by serving such notice in any other manner authorized or required under the laws of this State.
- (4) If it is determined by the Plumbing Inspector that due to a cross connection, an emergency condition endangering public health, safety and welfare exists requiring immediate action, he shall prepare a written report to that effect. One copy shall be filed with the City Clerk, one copy shall be served on the owner or his agent and one copy shall be served on the occupants of the structure or part of the structure affected. After the report has been filed and served, the Plumbing Inspector may cause the service to be immediately discontinued as provided in PSC 185-37(3), Wis. Adm. Code.
- (5) The Director of Utilities shall cooperate fully and shall cause water service to be discontinued without delay upon being notified by the Plumbing Inspector that such action is necessary under the provisions of this Section.

**SEC. 11-3-11 PENALTY**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter or any order, rule or regulation hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code.