

## CHAPTER XII

### PLUMBING AND DRAIN LAYING

#### SECTION XII-1. ADOPTING CODE.

A. The National Plumbing Code, as set forth in the Report of the Coordinating Committee for a National Plumbing Code, issued jointly by the National Production Authority of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Housing and Home Finance Agency, is hereby adopted to apply to and govern all plumbing in the City of Buhler, Kansas. The provisions of this code shall apply to and govern plumbing as defined in this code, including the practice, materials, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: Sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, the venting system, and the public or private water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building or other structure, or conveyance; also the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension, or alteration of the storm-water or sewage system of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other terminal. Three (3) copies of said National Plumbing Code shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk at all times.

#### B. PLUMBERS' CERTIFICATES.

Any person intending to engage in the business or trade of plumbing and drain laying in the City of Buhler, Kansas, or outside of the City of Buhler in any building or on any premises connected to the city's sewer, water, or gas mains, either as a master plumber or journeyman plumber shall first receive a certificate therefore as hereinafter provided. Every master plumber shall furnish commercial bond to the City of Buhler in the sum of \$1,000.00.

Plumbing is hereby defined to include the installation, alteration or repair of all pipes and fixtures and appurtenances thereto and connections therewith on any premises for the purpose of conveying and distributing water inside of buildings, and for conducting and discharging water, gases or wastes into sewers or ventilating fixtures, and all connections made for such purposes with the water mains or with public or private sewers.

Drain laying is defined as the laying of certified pipe from the sewer laterals to a point not less than three feet from the foundation of the building to be drained.

A master plumber shall be construed and held to be any person who is a practical plumber and has charge of doing plumbing work either as a foreman or contractor.

A journeyman plumber shall be construed and held to be any person who does plumbing work for others and who is not a master plumber as specified above.

#### C. PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD.

The plumbing board shall have supervision over all plumbing and house drainage done within the city and outside the city limits when or if any building or premises are connected to city sewer or water mains and shall cause to be inspected all work under construction, alteration or repair coming within its jurisdiction, causing same to be executed in accordance with rules and regulations herein established by persons having authority to perform such work, making as many inspections as may be necessary.

This board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the health department of the city or another representative of the city, who shall be ex officio chairman of said board of examiners; a second member who shall be a master plumber; and a third member who shall be a journeyman plumber. Said second and third members shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by the council of said city within three months after the passage of this ordinance, for the term of one year from the first day of May in the year of appointment, thereafter annually before the first day of May. Appointments having been made, the board shall meet within ten days to organize and adopt rules and to designate times and places for the examination of applicants for plumber's certificates and for the transaction of any other business.

#### D. INSPECTOR.

The inspector shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council within three months after the passage of this ordinance to serve until the 1st day of May in the succeeding year and thereafter bi-annually before the 1st day of May for a term of two years. Said inspector is hereby authorized to inspect all work under construction, alteration or repair coming within his jurisdiction, causing same to be executed in accordance with the rules and regulations herein established, making as many inspections as may be necessary. Complete work being found upon proper test to conform with authorized requirements, it shall be the duty of the inspector to issue a certificate of approval. He shall cause defective plumbing or drainage work under construction to be removed and replaced with approved material and workmanship at the expenses of the plumber in charge. He shall keep a record of all inspections made and certificates of approval issued, such record to be a part of the files in the office of the City Clerk. Upon request the inspector shall give information and

advice as to the provisions of this ordinance and shall investigate violations hereof, procuring convictions of offenders. It shall be his duty to inspect either old or new plumbing in any building which is or may be occupied if there is reason to believe it is unsanitary. All unsanitary plumbing is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a detriment to health and the inspector shall condemn the same and notify the owner or agent that the premises shall be made sanitary in every respect within a reasonable time, failure to comply with such order deemed to be cause for prosecution. The inspector or his authorized agent shall have the right of admission to premises at all reasonable hours to ascertain whether plumbing and drainage work are in conformity with regulations and ordinances. Any person feeling aggrieved at any decision of the inspector shall have the right to appeal from such findings to the plumbing board, whose decision shall be final after it has made an investigation.

#### E. EXAMINATION OF PLUMBERS.

The plumbers examining board shall examine any applicant desiring to engage in the business or trade of plumbing as to his practical knowledge of plumbing, house drainage, and plumbing ventilation, and upon passing the examination the City of Buhler may issue a certificate either for a master plumber or journeyman plumber, collecting from a master plumber a fee of \$5.00 and from a journeyman plumber a fee of \$2.00. Any applicant failing to pass an examination may be re-examined at any time after the expiration of three months. Examinations may be whole or in part in writing and shall be of practical and elementary character, but sufficiently strict to test the fitness of the applicant. All plumber's certificates shall be recorded in the office of the City Clerk and shall be non-transferable. They shall expire December 31st of each year and may be renewed without examination upon recommendation of the board, application having been made within thirty days after expiration and no proof having been presented that the holder is not entitled to renewal. The board shall have discretionary power to suspend for a definite period or to revoke a license of any plumber found guilty of violation of rules and regulations governing plumbing or ordinances of the City of Buhler regulating plumbing, drain laying or gas piping or for other just cause.

#### F. LICENSE.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of plumbing and drain-laying in or on any building or premises within the City of Buhler or outside of the City of Buhler in any building or on any premises connected to the City's sewer or water mains without having secured a plumbing license from the board. No

licensed person, firm or corporation shall permit the use of his or its name by any other person, firm or corporation, either directly or indirectly, either for the purpose of obtaining a permit or for the purpose of doing any plumbing work under his or its license.

#### G. PERMITS.

No building or premises within or outside the city limits of the City of Buhler shall be connected with the sewer or water mains of the city and no plumbing shall be installed or reconstructed without application to and a permit issued by the plumbing inspector, granted upon the application giving the location of the premises and description of the work contemplated. Permits shall be issued only to bonded plumbers and all work shall be in charge of the plumber in whose name the permit is issued, a journeyman plumber being permitted to work only under the jurisdiction of a master plumber, and a plumber's helper being permitted on work only when accompanied by a certified plumber. No permit may be issued to make connection with any main or lateral for the purpose of sewerage any property which has not been especially assessed for the costs of the sewers until application has been presented to the governing body and the fee determined upon shall have been paid. No permit shall be required for minor repair work, by which is meant repair of leaks in pipes, traps or cocks, opening up stoppage in waste or supply pipe, traps or drains or replacing broken fixtures, and replacing frozen pipes inside of buildings. Fees for permits shall be as follows and shall be paid into the city treasury:

Minimum fee. . . . .	\$ 1.00
Each sewer service within City Limits. . . . .	\$ 5.00
Each sewer service outside the City Limits . . . . .	\$400.00
Each fixture or waste opening. . . . .	.50
Cess pools & septic tanks. . . . .	1.00
Inspection per hour or fraction thereof. . . . .	1.00

H. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor exceeding \$50.00 for each and every violation thereof, and shall stand committed until paid or worked off at the prevailing wage rates.