

REGULATION 45 PLUMBING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
PLUMBING REGULATION

WHEREAS, a regulation establishing standards governing the installation, maintenance, testing, and inspection of all commercial and new residential plumbing; establishing a plumbing regulation and its enforcement as a local regulation; adopting the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated pursuant to Chapters 119, 3781 and 3791 of the Ohio Revised Code, as in effect August 11, 2005, 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 all commercial and new residential 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 Fairfield County Combined General Health District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Health of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions

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

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 HEALTH COMMISSIONER means the legally designated health commissioner of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District, or his authorized representative.
- 1.6 PERSON means any individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership.
- 1.7 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 Commerce, as provided under Section 3703.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; an adequate record system; and proper application and enforcement of this regulation.
- 1.8 RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING means the plumbing in all newly constructed one, two, and three family dwellings within the jurisdiction of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District.
- 1.9 COMMERCIAL PLUMBING means the plumbing in all structures that are not one, two and three family dwellings, and as designated by the Ohio Department of Commerce.

SECTION 2. Plumbing for Public Buildings and Dwellings;
Incorporation by Reference of the Ohio Plumbing Code,
Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code,
in effect August 11, 2005, as may be subsequently amended; Purpose.

- 2.1 All plumbing in or for public buildings or places located in the Fairfield County Combined General Health District shall be installed, 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 August 11, 2005, 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 Fairfield County Combined General Health District to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore.
- 2.2 All plumbing in newly constructed single-family, two-family, and three-family dwellings in the Fairfield County Combined General Health District shall be installed, 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 August 11, 2005, as may be subsequently amended, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation. *Exempt from this regulation are those plumbing alterations made in residential dwellings that are in existence prior to the effective date of this rule.*
- 2.3 It is the purpose of this regulation to adopt by incorporation by reference the standards and methods regarding plumbing installations, maintenance, testing, and inspections of all plumbing in the Fairfield County Combined General Health District as is provided in the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, in effect August 11, 2005, 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 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code as in effect August 11, 2005, as may be subsequently amended, 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 secretary of the Board of Health of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District.
- 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 Board of Health of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District.

- 2.6 Copies of the Ohio Plumbing Code, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, in effect August 11, 2005, 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 Fairfield County Combined General Health District or any person affected by this regulation at the cost of obtaining 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. *This provision shall not be applicable to persons who are the owners of one, two, and three family dwellings and who desire to perform plumbing repairs on these residences.*
- 3.2 Any persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business shall make application to the Health Commissioner on a form provided by the Health Commissioner to have his/her name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business. 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.
- 3.3 A license/permit bond in the amount of \$20,000.00 must be submitted with the application. The license/permit bond must state the name of the company, list as obligee the Fairfield County Combined General Health District, and must have an expiration corresponding with the calendar year (December 31).
- 3.4 All persons intending to engage in the plumbing business in the jurisdiction of the Fairfield County Combined General Health District must attend a mandatory training session on the plumbing regulations. Such meeting will be sponsored and conducted by the Fairfield County Combined General Health District and will occur annually.
- 3.5 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 Fairfield County Combined General Health District fee schedule as listed in the Plumbing Program Business Plan 2006, approved by the Fairfield County Combined General Health District Board of Health on May 12, 2005, and, thereafter, as established annually if the Board of Health determines that changes to the fee schedule are needed. *If a plumbing contractor is licensed as a plumbing contractor with the state of Ohio, he/she will be entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of registering with the Fairfield Combined General Health District. Proof of licensure with the state of Ohio must be provided to the Environmental Division Business Office prior to receiving the registration fee reduction.*

- 3.6 Upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner, the Board of Health, 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, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, as in effect August 11, 2005, as may be subsequently amended. 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, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13, Ohio Administrative Code, as in effect August 11, 2005 as may be subsequently amended.

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 other emergency 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 (a.) the types of public buildings or places for which the Ohio Department of Commerce has designated and approved the Fairfield County Combined General Health District to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore, and to (b.) all newly constructed one, two, & three family dwellings. *Exempt from this regulation are those plumbing alterations made in residential dwellings that are in existence prior to the effective date of this rule.*

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- A plumbing permit will expire one year from the date issuance. The department may extend the permit for an additional six months; however the extension must be applied for prior to the original expiration date.
 - If a plumbing permit expires, then a new plumbing permit application will need to be submitted. A new plumbing permit number will be issued after the new permit fee has been paid. The plumbing inspector will determine if a plan review fee is required. If plumbing code changes have occurred since the original permit was issued, the plumbing inspector will determine if all or some of the code changes can be incorporated into the plumbing system.
- 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 three sets of 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.
- 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, one copy shall be returned to the person who submitted such plans and specifications, and one copy shall be posted at the site for which the plumbing permit is issued. The returned plans shall be marked to show the approval or disapproval of such plans. No plumbing work shall be installed 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 correct fee amount as listed in the Plumbing Program Business Plan 2006, approved by the Fairfield County Combined General Health District Board of Health on May 12, 2005, and, thereafter, as established annually if the Board of Health determines that changes to the fee schedule are needed.
- 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 four (4) business days after application is made and the required plans and specifications submitted.
- 4.8 The approved plumbing permit and at least one copy of the approved plans 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, 2006 as may be subsequently amended.

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