

CHAPTER 15

PLUMBING CODE

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15.01 **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE** In accordance with the authority granted by §, Wis. Stats., the Village ordains this chapter. The provisions of the chapter shall be held to be minimum requirements adopted to promote the health, safety, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the Village.

15.02 **STATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED.**

(1) **ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** Chapters Comm. 81-87 State Plumbing Code, are adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full. 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.

(2) **TO BE ON FILE.** A copy of the State Plumbing Code shall be on file in the offices of the Plumbing Inspector and can be reviewed upon request from the Plumbing Inspector.

15.03 **PLUMBING DEFINED.** 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 any 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) 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.

15.04 **PLUMBING INSPECTOR.**

(1) **APPOINTMENT, TERM AND COMPENSATION.** The Village Board shall appoint a State Certified Plumbing Inspector. Term and compensation shall be as fixed by the Village Board.

(2) **DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES.** (a) **General.** The Plumbing Inspector shall enforce all provisions of this chapter and all other State and Village provisions relating to the construction, installation, alteration and repair of plumbing within the Village and shall make such inspections, perform such tests and issue such orders as may be necessary for such enforcement of this section.

(b) Authority to Enter Premises. 1. 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 the purpose of inspection and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Plumbing Inspector or his authorized agent while in the performance of his duties; and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this chapter and subject to penalty as provided by § 15.10.

2. 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 § 66.122 and 66.123, Wis. Stats.

(c) Permits. The Plumbing Inspector or his authorized designee 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 all permits issued.

(d) Records and Reports. 1. To the Village Board. The Plumbing Inspector shall keep in his possession a record of all inspections as well as permits issued. A copy of all permits shall also be on file in the office of the Clerk. The Plumbing Inspector shall make reports thereon to the Village Board as it may require.

2. To the Safety and Building Division of the Department of Commerce. The Plumbing Inspector shall make such reports to the Safety and Building Division as are required under § 145.04(3), Wis. Stats.

3. Record of Special Locations. The Director of Public Works shall keep a record of all sewer and water 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, and make available to the Plumbing Inspector upon request.

(e) 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 with written permission of the Plumbing Inspector, provided if the stop work order is an oral one; it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.

15.05 **PLUMBING PERMITS**.

(1) REQUIRED. No plumbing or drainage of any kind shall be installed or altered, except that leakage or stoppage repairs may be made, without first securing a permit therefore from the Plumbing Inspector or his designee. The application for such permit shall be on a form furnished by the Plumbing Inspector or his designee and shall state clearly the work planned, alterations to be made and equipment and materials to be used. All later deviations from such plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Plumbing Inspector.

(2) APPLICATION. The application shall be in writing upon forms which the Plumbing Inspector or his designee shall provide and shall include the name of the owner and the description of the property on which the work is to be done, along with such pertinent information as the Plumbing Inspector may require, and shall state that the property owner and the applicant will be bound by and subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(3) 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 the Village Clerk/Treasurer, he or his designee 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 a period of 60 days without good and reasonable cause for same and shall automatically expire on completion of the work for which it was issued; provided the Plumbing Inspector may, upon notice, suspend or revoke such permit for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(4) RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE. (a) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person who is in violation of this chapter until such violation has been corrected.

(b) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person against whom an order issued by the Plumbing Inspector is pending, provided this restriction may be waived by the Plumbing Inspector.

(5) 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 or to order work stopped under § 15.03(2)(e) may obtain review of such determination under Chapter 24 of this Municipal Code.

(6) FEES. Fees shall be paid to the Village Clerk/Treasurer prior to any permit issuance. See fee schedule in Chapter 14.03(7).

15.06 **PLUMBERS TO BE LICENSED.** All plumbing work shall be done only by a plumber licensed by the State for such work, provided 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.

15.07 **REGISTRATION OF PLUMBERS.**

(1) TO BE ON FILE. All master plumbers engaged in the business of plumbing in the Village and all journeymen plumbers and apprentice plumbers working at the plumbing trade in the Village shall register with the Plumbing Inspector or his designee, who shall keep such registration on file in the office of the Clerk.

(2) INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED. Such registration shall consist of the full name and address, license number and current receipt number of each master or journeyman licensee. For apprentice, the year of apprenticeship and the shop to which he is indentured shall be indicated.

(3) **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS LIMITED.** The purpose of this section is solely to provide for the administration of State licensing requirements and this chapter. No fee shall be charged for any plumber's registration, nor shall any information other than that specified in sub. (2) of this section be required.

15.08 **INSPECTION OF WORK.** Upon completion of the plumbing work on any premises, the person doing such work shall notify the Plumbing Inspector before such work is covered up, and the Plumbing Inspector shall cause to be inspected the work to ascertain that the work conforms to the State Plumbing Code. No person shall use or permit to be used any plumbing or drainage until it has been inspected and approved by the Plumbing Inspector.

15.09 **WATER SYSTEM CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL.** (Cr. 4/6/81)

(1) **DEFINITION.** A cross connection is any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water system, and the other water from the Valders Water System and the other of which contains water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

(2) **UNPROTECTED CONNECTION PROHIBITED.** No such person, firm or corporation may establish or maintain, or permit to be established or maintained, or permit to be maintained any unprotected connection within the Village. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village may enter the supply or distribution system of the Village, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Water Utility and in compliance with SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(3) **INSPECTION.** The Water Utility shall cause inspection to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross connection with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Village Board and as approved by the Department of Natural Resources. If, in the opinion of the water utility, the water utility is not able to perform the inspection, the property owner must, at their own expense, have the plumbing inspected for cross connections by a State of Wisconsin Certified Cross Connection Inspector or by a State of Wisconsin licensed master plumber. The frequency of inspections shall be established by the water utility in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code. Any unprotected cross connection identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under section (6) of the this ordinance subsection.

(4) **RIGHT OF ENTRY.** Upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Water Utility shall have the right to request entry, at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting the property served by a connection to the public water system of the Village for cross connections. Refusing entry to such utility representative shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property as provided in Section (6) of this ordinance. If entry is refused, a special inspection warrant under § 66.0119, Wis. Stats may be obtained.

(5) **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION.** The Water Utility may request the owner, lessee or occupant of any property so served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the water utility pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the Water Utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided in Section (6) of this ordinance.

(6) **DISCONTINUATION OF WATER FOR VIOLATION.** The Water Utility is authorized and directed to discontinue water serve to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this section exists, and to take any other precautionary measures as the Water Utility may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., except as provided in sub. (7) of this section.

(7) **EMERGENCY DISCONTINUANCE.** If it is determined by the Water Utility that a cross connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety or welfare and requires immediate action and a written finding to the effect is filed with the Valders Utility Clerk and delivered to the customer's premises, water service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., within 10 days of such an emergency discontinuance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

15.10 **PENALTY.** In addition to the penalties provided herein, any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any regulation, rule or order made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in §25.04 of this Municipal Code.