

ORDINANCE NO. ~~73~~ 74

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THE QUALIFICATION AND LICENSING OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PLUMBING, OR LABORING AT THE TRADE OF PLUMBING: REQUIRING A PERMIT AND INSPECTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS: CREATING AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND A BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS, AND DESCRIBING THEIR DUTIES: DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS: ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION OR REPAIR OF PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF: PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Walla Walla does ordain as follows:

CHAPTER 1 -- TITLE AND SCOPE.

Section 1.01

This ordinance shall be known as the Walla Walla County Plumbing Code and may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "this Code".

Section 1.02

The Western Plumbing Officials Association Uniform Plumbing Code, 1967 edition, be, and the same is hereby adopted by reference as Plumbing Code of the County of Walla Walla, With the following exceptions: Sec. 1.12, the fee schedule shall be changed as follows:

For issuing each permit.....	\$ 2.00
In Addition -	
For each plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures on one trap (including water, drainage piping and backflow protection therefor).....	1.50
For each building sewer and each trailer park sewer.....	5.00
Rainwater systems - per drain.....	2.00
For each cesspool.....	5.00
For each private sewage disposal system.....	10.00
For each water heater and/or vent.....	1.50
For each industrial waste pre-treatment interceptor, including its trap and vent, excepting	

kitchen type grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps.....	\$ 1.00
For installation, alteration or repair of water piping and/or water treating equipment..	1.50
For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping .....	1.50
For each lawn sprinkler system on any one meter including backflow protection devices there for.....	2.00
For vacuum breakers or backflow protective devices on tanks, vats, etc. or for installation on unprotected plumbing fixtures including nec- essary water piping -	
one (1) to five (5).....	2.00
over five (5), each.....	.30

Delete all of section 1118, all of Chapter 12 and all of Chapter 13. All amendments and additions to said Uniform Plumbing Code, when printed and filed with the County Auditor, thereupon shall become amendments and additions hereto.

#### Section 1.03

This Code shall apply within the unincorporated area of the County of Walla Walla.

#### Section 1.04

Section 1.8, Building Permits required, of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1967 edition, is amended by adding an exception as follows:

Accessory farm buildings are exempt from the provisions of this Code. For the purpose of this section the term "accessory farm building" is defined as a farm building which is neither intended, designed or used for human habitation nor attached to a building intended, designed or used for human habitation.

### CHAPTER 2 -- LICENSING.

#### Section 2.01 Registration

Before any person, firm or corporation shall carry on or engage in the business of plumbing, or labor at the trade of plumbing in the County of Walla Walla, Washington, including any apprentice or helper, he shall first register his name and address with the Plumbing Division of the Walla Walla County Inspection Department of Walla Walla, Washington, together with such other information said division may require.

## Section 2.02 Board of Plumbing Examiners

A Board of Plumbing Examiners shall be appointed by the County Commission of Walla Walla County which board shall consist of the Plumbing Inspector of Walla Walla, Washington, one journeyman plumber, one master plumber and one competent person from the public at large. The three appointive members of the board shall serve for a period of three years, except for the first appointment: at which time one shall be appointed for three years, one for two years and one for one year.

Said board shall conduct examinations of applicants for plumbers and apprentice licenses.

The board shall keep an accurate record of all of its official transactions and shall render such reports and statistics as the County Commission require and direct.

The board shall elect from its members a chairman, who shall preside at all its meetings.

The board shall adopt adequate rules and regulations for the proper and efficient discharge of its official duties.

The board shall determine the character of the examination to be given any applicant and upon his showing by majority vote shall vote to recommend to the County Commission the grant or denial of his license. Examinations shall be given all applicants on a uniform basis.

The Plumbing Inspector shall be an ex-officio member of the board. The Plumbing Inspector shall be clerk of the board.

## Section 2.03 Journeyman Plumber's License

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in, or work at, the trade of plumbing as an artisan, either as a journeyman plumber or as a master plumber working as an artisan, without first having obtained a license from the County Auditor as in this ordinance provided.

## Section 2.04 Examination for Journeyman Plumber's License

Before any journeyman plumber's license is issued, the applicant therefor shall first submit to an examination as to his fitness and skill by the Board of Plumbing Examiners. Examinations shall be held from time to time as applications for journeyman plumber's licenses are filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) days from the date of filing of said application, at a time and place fixed by

the Plumbing Inspector, who shall notify all applicants of such examination. The board shall report the result of the examination to the County Commission; and if it is found that the applicant is qualified to carry on the trade of journeyman plumber, the County Commission may issue a license. Any applicant who fails to pass an examination shall not re-apply within ninety (90) days from the date of said examination.

#### Section 2.05 Journeyman Plumber's License Fee

The license fee for a journeyman plumber shall be Five (\$5.00) Dollars for the first year or part thereof, and Three (\$3.00) Dollars for each succeeding year. All licenses issued under this section shall terminate on June 30 of the year for which they were issued.

Any licensee who, at the end of any year holds a license in good standing may, upon the payment of the required license fee, obtain his new license for the year following without the necessity of submitting to a re-examination. PROVIDED, however, the Plumbing Inspector may require any prior licensee who has not renewed his license for a period of two consecutive years to submit to another examination in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.04 hereof.

#### Section 2.06 Master Plumber's License Required

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, or carry on, the business of plumbing as a master plumber without having obtained a license so to do from the County Auditor as in this ordinance provided.

#### Section 2.07 Master Plumber's License

Any person desiring to secure a Master Plumber's License under the provisions of this ordinance shall apply therefor to the Walla Walla County Building Inspection Department on forms to be supplied by that office. The application shall give the name of the members of the firm, if a co-partnership, or the officers of the corporation, if incorporated, and shall also give the location or locations where the business of the applicant is to be conducted. The license fee shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the first year or part thereof and Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12.50) for each succeeding year thereafter; provided, however, if the licensee conducts such business at more than one establishment, the license fee shall be the same for each establishment. The Master Plumber's License shall be conspicuously posted on the premises in which the business is conducted.

## Section 2.08 Examination for Master Plumber's License

Before any Master Plumber's License is issued, the applicant therefor shall first submit to an examination as to his fitness and skill by the Board of Plumbing Examiners. Said examination shall include a section on gas, heating and steam fitting. Examinations shall be held from time to time as applications for Master Plumber's licenses are filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) days from the date of filing of said application, at a time and place fixed by the Plumbing Inspector, who shall notify all applicants of such examination. That Board shall report the result of the examination to the County Commission; and if it is found that the applicant is qualified to carry on the trade of Master Plumber, the County Commission may issue a license. Any applicant who fails to pass an examination shall not re-apply within ninety (90) days from the date of said examination.

## Section 2.09 Master Plumber's Bond

Before any license is granted to master plumber, there shall be filed with the County Auditor a bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars executed by the applicant and a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Washington as surety, running to the County of Walla Walla, conditioned that the licensee and his agents and servants shall fully comply with all provisions of law and the County ordinances relating to plumbing and/or sewer connections. Any person injured by failure of the principal to comply with such laws and ordinances or with any of the provisions thereof shall have right of action against the principal and surety, in his own name; provided that any person wishing to avail himself of the benefits of the bond shall commence action thereon within one year after the date of completion of the work alleged to have been improperly done. The bond shall be further conditioned to protect the County specifically against any loss, damage or expense it may sustain by reason of any work done under its provisions in relation to the County's streets, curbs, sidewalks or alleys.

## Section 2.10 Revocation or Suspension of Licenses

(1) Licenses issued under the provisions of this ordinance may be suspended for any period up to six months or revoked entirely by the County Commission of the County of Walla Walla when it deems that the public interest requires such suspension or revocation for any of the following causes.

- a. Misrepresentation or false statements of any material fact in the application for license.
- b. Incompetency.
- c. Dereliction of duty.

d. Any violation of this ordinance.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this section, a license shall be suspended or revoked by the County Commission only upon a hearing for that purpose. Suspension proceedings shall be commenced by the Plumbing Inspector and notice of said hearing shall be given in writing setting forth specifying the time and place of the hearing and the grounds of complaint. Such notice may be given by mailing it to the licensee, postage prepaid, at the address given in the application for license at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing.

(3) If the Plumbing Inspector, at the time of or at any time after the institution of suspension or revocation proceedings hereunder, deems the protection of the public interest reasonably requires it, he may immediately suspend a license pending a hearing; provided, however, that if the licensee request it, the hearing on the suspension or revocation shall be held not less than one day nor more than two days from the date such request is made known to the Building Inspector.

#### Section 2.11 Display of Signs

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, not in legal possession of a valid Master Plumber's License issued by the County of Walla Walla to engage in, carry on, or represent himself, itself or themselves, as engaged in or carrying on the business of Master Plumber in the County of Walla Walla, or to use the words, "Master Plumber", "Plumber" or "Plumbing", in any advertising, or to display or expose a sign having similar import for the purpose of implying the advertiser to be so engaged.

### CHAPTER 3 -- ORGANIZATION AND ENFORCEMENT

#### Section 3.01 General

The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this Code. For such purpose he shall have the powers of a police officer.

#### Section 3.02 Deputies

The Board of County Commissioners may, at the request of the building official, appoint and/or deputize such number of officers, inspectors and assistants, and other employees as may be necessary from time to time. Such employees and/or deputies shall have the same powers as the building official who shall be responsible for their actions.



### Section 3.03 Reports & Records

The building official shall submit a report to the Board of County Commissioners not less than once a year, covering the work of the department during the preceding period. He shall incorporate in said report a summary of his recommendations as to desirable amendment to this Code.

The building official shall keep a permanent, accurate account of all fees and other moneys collected and received under this Code, the names of the persons upon whose account the same were paid, the date and amount thereof, together with the location of the building or premises to which they relate.

### Section 3.04 Right of Entry

Upon presentation of proper credentials the building official or his duly authorized representatives may enter at reasonable time any building, structure, or premises in the County to perform any duty imposed upon him by this Code.

### Section 3.05 Stop Orders

Whenever any plumbing work is being done contrary to the provisions of this Code, the plumbing official may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on any persons engaged in the doing or causing such work to be done and any such persons shall forthwith stop such work until authorized by the plumbing official to proceed with the work.

### Section 3.06 Liability

The building official or any employee charged with the enforcement of the Code, acting in good faith and without malice for the County in the discharge of his duties, shall not thereby render himself liable personally and he is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of his duties. Any suit brought against the building official or employee, because of such act or omission performed by him in the enforcement of any provisions of this Code shall be defended by the legal department of the County until final determination of the proceedings.

## CHAPTER 4 -- LEGISLATIVE

### Section 4.01

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase

of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 4.02

Ordinance No. 41 of the County of Walla Walla is hereby repealed. Ordinance No. 26 is repealed insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions hereof.

Section 4.03

This Ordinance shall be, and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect, from and after 30 days from its date of final passage and approval.

October Dated at Walla Walla, Washington, this 21st day of ~~30th~~  
~~September~~, 19 68.

Attest:

Gladys Gelman  
County Auditor & Ex-officio Clerk  
of the Board.

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