

CHAPTER 14

PLUMBING CODE

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14.01 STATE CODES ADOPTED.

- 1) **ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** Chapter 145, Wis. Stats., and the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (SPS) Chapters 381 through 386 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.

14.02 PLUMBING DEFINED. In this Chapter, “plumbing” means and includes the following:

- 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 fire protection 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 Ch. 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 contamination or pollution of any potable water supply and distribution system; 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.

14.03 PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

- 1) **APPOINTMENT.** See sec. 2.05 of this Code.
- 2) **POWERS AND DUTIES.**
 - a) **General.** The Plumbing Inspector shall be certified by the Department of Safety and Professional Services. A copy of the certificate shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The Plumbing Inspector, with the cooperation of the Building Inspector, shall enforce all

provisions of this Chapter and all other State and Town provisions relating to the construction, installation, alteration and repair of all plumbing within the Town and shall make such inspections, perform such tests and issue such orders as may be necessary for such enforcement. In the discharge of his duties, the Plumbing Inspector or his authorized agent may enter any building during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection.

- b) Permits. The Plumbing Inspector shall take applications and issue to applicants qualified under §145.06, Wis. Stats., or master plumbers who submit their license number on the permit application, permits as required for all work done under this Chapter and shall maintain suitable records of the permits issued.
- c) Reports.
 - 1. To Town Board. The Plumbing Inspector shall make such reports to the Town Board as requested.
 - 2. To the Department of Safety and Professional Services. The Plumbing Inspector shall make such reports to the Department of Safety and Professional Services as are required under §145.04(3), Wis. Stats.
- d) Stop Work Order. 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, provided that if the stop work order is an oral one, it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.

14.04 PLUMBING PERMITS.

- 1) **REQUIRED.** No work contemplated by this Chapter having a minimum cost of \$500.00 or more shall be started until a permit therefor has been obtained from the Plumbing Inspector or his authorized agent.
- 2) **APPLICATION.** The application shall be in writing upon forms provided by the Plumbing Inspector or his/her designee and shall include the name of the owner and the description of the property on which the work is to be done, and all plumbing to be installed, along with such pertinent information as the Plumbing Inspector may require.
- 3) **ISSUANCE; TERM.** 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 Town, 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 a period of ninety (90) 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) **RESPONSIBILITY.** It shall be the responsibility of the installer or contractor to determine if a permit is required and to obtain the same prior to commencing work.
- 5) **FIXTURE INSTALLATION REQUIRING PERMIT.** A permit is required when any additional fixtures are installed or when the plumbing system is moved to another part of the building and remodeled. However, no permit is required when a fixture is replaced by a new one and no new pipe or vent is changed or added.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **APPEALS.** Any person feeling himself aggrieved by any order of ruling of the Plumbing Inspector may, within twenty (20) days thereafter, appeal from such order or ruling to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, such appeal to be in writing.

14.05 PLUMBERS TO BE LICENSED.

- 1) **GENERAL.** All plumbing work shall be done only by a plumber licensed by the State for such work, or his employees.
- 2) **EXCEPTION.** The owner-occupant of a single-family residence may perform plumbing work in his own home upon obtaining a permit pursuant to sec. 14.04 of this Chapter.

14.06 INSPECTION OF WORK. The permittee or an authorized representative shall, in writing or orally, request inspections by the Plumbing Inspector at appropriate times required for the enforcement of this Chapter. The Plumbing Inspector shall perform the requested inspection within forty-eight (48) hours after notification, except the final inspection. The work shall not proceed beyond the point of inspection until the inspection has been completed, except if inspection has not taken place within forty-eight (48) hours of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, unless otherwise agreed upon between the permittee and the Plumbing Inspector.

14.07 NON-ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY. This Chapter shall not be considered as assuming any liability on the part of the Town or any official or employee thereof for damages to anyone injured or for any property destroyed by any defect in any building or equipment, or in any plumbing or electric wiring or equipment.

14.08 PERMIT FEES. The Town Board shall, from time to time, establish a plumbing permit fee as indicated in the most recently adopted Fee Schedule for the Town of Sparta. A copy of the Fee Schedule shall be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

14.09 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter or any order, rule or regulation thereunder shall be subject to a penalty provided in sec. 1.07 of this Code.

14.10 thru 14.99 RESERVED.