

ARTICLE 3. GAS FITTING CODE

4-301. PERMIT REQUIRED. Any person desiring to install, extend or replace any gas piping and/or install major gas appliances, such as water heaters, floor furnaces, central heating plants, incinerators or gas engines, which use natural or artificial gas as a motive power, in any building or on any premises within the city, shall make application in writing to the building official describing and giving the location of the work proposed. (Code 1988)

4-302. PERMIT FEES. For permit fees relating to gas fitting and piping see section 4-406 of this chapter. (Code 1988)

4-303. INCORPORATING NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE. The code known as "American National Standard - National Fuel Gas Code", 1988 edition, sponsored by American Gas Association, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209, and the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., Battery March Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 03369, is hereby incorporated by reference as provided and authorized by statutes of the State of Kansas, as the minimum standards of installation and construction of gas piping and appliances, except as herein provided. (Ord. 851, Sec. 1)

4-304. GAS LINE OFFSET FROM OTHER LINES AND CONCEALED GAS LINES ABOVE GRADE. (a) Gas Line Ditches: Gas line ditches shall be at least three feet distance from any other utility ditch measured from side wall to nearest side wall of adjoining ditch. Depth of ditch shall be 36 inches.

(b) Where gas piping shall run in a concealed chase, the chase where pipe enters shall have a minimum of two holes bored through top plates. Holes shall be no less in diameter than size of hole or holes bored for pipe or pipes and in no case shall be of such size as would weaken top plates.

(c) If gas pipe runs horizontally in wall, which is not recommended, and a fitting occurs in a concealed chase, then two holes shall be required as aforementioned.

(Ord. 851, Sec. 2)

4-305. MANUAL GAS SHUT OFF VALVES. Part 3.10.2 in the National Fuel Gas Code, 1988, shall be amended to read:

(a) A shut-off valve shall be installed in the gas service line before it enters the building on the outside of the building and shall be

located above ground in the riser black pipe or the horizontal pipe going into the building.

(b) No shut-off valve shall be located in the crawl space of a building or mobile home, unless a gas fired furnace or water heater is installed in the crawl space and then a shutoff valve shall be installed at or as near as possible to the unit being served, but shall in no way exclude the shutoff valve required on the exterior line of the building in the proceeding paragraph.

(Ord. 851, Sec. 3)

4-306. GAS LINE DEPTH. Part 3.1.2a. of the National Fuel Gas Code shall be amended to read:

Cover Requirements: Underground piping system shall be installed with at least 36 inches of cover. (Ord. 851, Sec. 4)

4-307. DELETION. Part 3.4.5b of the 1988 National Fuel Gas Code is hereby deleted. (Ord. 851, Sec. 5)

4-308. GAS METER LOCATION. Article 2.7.2b of the 1988 National Fuel Gas Code shall be amended to read:

Gas meters may be placed adjacent to a city alley way or within a utility easement or may be placed near the house at the property owners discretion. Gas meters shall not be placed where they will be subjected to damage, such as adjacent to a private driveway, under a fire escape, in public walk passages, halls, coal bins, or where they will be subject to excessive corrosion or vibration. (Ord. 851, Sec. 6)

4-309. AMENDMENT. Part 2.6.8d.5 of the National Fuel Gas Code shall be amended to read:

Steel bushings may be used only on gas fired appliances or equipment and only on the automatic control valve. (Ord. 851, Sec. 7)

4-310. ENFORCEMENT. The administrative authority shall be designated as the enforcement authority for the National Fuel Gas Code and shall have the power to enter on private premises to perform such duties as may be required by this article, to issue orders requiring the correction of defects in gas piping systems, to order the removal of piping which does not conform to the standards of this article, to reinspect the gas piping system and to issue permits and certificates of approval. (Ord. 851, Sec. 8)

4-311. GAS UTILITY COMPANY. The gas utility company which operates under a franchise granted by the city is hereby authorized to discontinue or refuse to supply gas for any gas piping or gas appliance which may appear to be defective or leaking, or otherwise considered to endanger life or property; provided, that the gas utility company shall immediately give notice of the discontinuance to the administrative authority and to the occupant of the building or premises where such gas supply is discontinued or refused. Service may be resumed upon inspection by the authority and satisfactory evidence that the defect or unsafe condition has been corrected. (Ord. 851, Sec. 9)

4-312. GAS UTILITY COMPANY: AUTHORITY. The gas utility company which operates under a franchise granted by the city is hereby authorized to discontinue or refuse to supply gas for any gas piping or gas appliance which may appear to be defective or leaking, or otherwise considered to endanger life or property; provided, that the gas utility company shall immediately give notice of the discontinuance to the inspector and to the occupant of the building or premises where such gas supply is discontinued or refused. Service may be resumed upon inspection by the building official and satisfactory evidence that the defect or unsafe condition has been corrected. (Code 1988)