

CHAPTER 3

PLUMBING CODE

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9-3-1:

- A. Purpose: To provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulation of the erection, installation, alteration, addition, repair, relocation, replacement and maintenance or use of any plumbing system within the City, and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees thereof.
- B. Adopted: Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Title 58, Chapter 56 and Administrative Rule R156-56. Utah Uniform Building Standard Act Rules, the State of Utah through the Utah Uniform Building Codes Commission, has adopted statewide uniform technical construction codes, including amendments, the international plumbing code, as adopted by the State of Utah, shall be and is hereby adopted by Providence City Corporation, in the State of Utah; and each and all of the regulation, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said *international plumbing code (hereafter Plumbing Code)* are here by referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof.
 - 1. Public Availability. Pursuant to section 10-3-711, Utah Code Annotated, the plumbing code is available for use and inspection by the public in the office of the City Recorder.
 - 2. Definitions:
 - a. Whenever the word "jurisdiction is used in the plumbing code, it shall mean Providence City.
 - b. Whenever the words "administrative authority" are used in the building code, they shall mean the Building Division of Providence City or its assigns.

9-3-2: **SCOPE:** The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to, but not be limited to, all new construction, relocated buildings, and to any installation, alteration, repair or reconstruction of a plumbing system within the City, except as otherwise provided for in this Chapter. (1977 Code § 9-562)

9-3-3: **BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

- A. Created: There is hereby created the position of Building Inspector.

- B. Duties: The Building Inspector shall issue permits to properly licensed, bonded and registered persons. Licensing should be for work to be done within the scope of this Chapter. The Building Inspector:
 - 1. Shall order changes in workmanship and/or materials essential to enforce compliance with all provisions of the Plumbing Code.

 - 2. Shall investigate any construction or work regulated by this Chapter and issue such notices and orders as are necessary to prevent or correct dangerous or unsanitary conditions.

 - 3. May recommend the revocation of any license to the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing for cause, and report to the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing all violations of this Chapter by journeymen, apprentices or contractors. (1977 Code § 9-563; 1998 Code)

9-3-4: **PERMITS:**

- A. Required; Application: No plumbing shall be installed, nor additions or alterations made in existing plumbing, except as provided in subsection C of this Section, without first obtaining a permit. Application for such permits shall be in writing to the City Recorder and shall describe the nature of the work to be done and affirm that the plumbing will conform to the Plumbing Code. No permit shall be issued to any applicant during the time that he shall fail to correct any defective plumbing installed by him after he has been notified in writing by the Building Inspector of the defective work. (1977 Code § 9-568; 1998 Code)

- B. Homeowners Permit: Any permit required by this Chapter may be issued to any person to do any plumbing or drainage work regulated by this Chapter in a single-family dwelling used exclusively for living purposes, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters in connection with such buildings in the event that any such person is the bona fide owner of any such dwelling and accessory buildings and

quarters and that the same are occupied by or designed to be occupied by the owner; and further provided, that the owner shall furnish the Building Inspector with a complete layout drawing of the proposed work, satisfy the Building Inspector that he has a working knowledge of the requirements contained in this Chapter, pay the necessary fees, and call for all inspections required by this Chapter. (1977 Code § 9-573; 1998 Code)

C. Exceptions:

1. Repairs which involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages, the repairing of leaks or the replacement of defective faucets or valves may be made without a permit; provided, that the permits shall be procured to replace fixtures, traps, soil, waste, and vent pipes unless waived by the Building Inspector.

2. Any person regularly employed by an owner or lessee of property, or his agents, for the sole purpose of operating and maintaining such property and to make minor repairs thereof, and any owner or lessee of property, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter when doing work for which permits are not required. (1977 Code § 9-572; 1998 Code)

D. Denial: The Building Inspector may refuse to issue permits for any plumbing work to any person who has had a permit revoked in accordance with this Chapter during such time as such person fails to perform plumbing work in conformance with this Chapter. (1977 Code § 9-571; 1998 Code)

E. Expiration: Every permit issued by the Building Inspector shall expire and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date such permit is issued, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days or more. (1977 Code § 9-570; 1998 Code)

F. Revocation: The Building Inspector may revoke any permit when the person to whom the permit is issued fails, neglects, or refuses to do the work thereunder in conformance with this Chapter, or when the permit is issued in error. (1977 Code § 9-569; 1998 Code)

9-3-5: **FEES:** Before a permit shall be issued, permit fees shall be as set forth in Section 9-1-4 of this Title. (1977 Code § 9-574; 1998 Code)

9-3-6: **REINSPECTION CHARGES:** After notice that any plumbing work is ready

for inspection, if the Building Inspector calls at the place designated to make such inspection and finds the work not ready for inspection, he may charge an additional fee for each additional inspection required. (1977 Code § 9-575; 1998 Code)

9-3-7: **ALLOWANCE FOR EXCEPTION:** Where structural conditions impose extreme difficulty in fully complying with the plumbing regulations of this Chapter, any aggrieved party may apply in writing to the Building Inspector for special permission to deviate from the regulations. If, in the judgment of the Building Inspector, such deviation is reasonable and does not create an unsanitary or unsafe condition, he may, on review, approve or disapprove the application or vary the conditions on which approval is granted. (1977 Code § 9-564; 1998 Code)

9-3-8: **RIGHT OF ENTRY:** The Building Inspector shall have the right of entry within reasonable hours to any building or premises for the purpose of inspection or to investigate any work or conditions governed by this Chapter. (1977 Code § 9-565; 1998 Code)

9-3-9: **INTEREST IN SALE OF EQUIPMENT PROHIBITED:** The Building Inspector and his assistants shall not in any way engage in the sale or installation of plumbing equipment upon which they are required to make inspection hereunder. (1977 Code § 9-567; 1998 Code)

9-3-10: **POWER TO CONDEMN:**

A. **Granted; Penalty:** The Building Inspector is hereby empowered to condemn and order repaired, removed, replaces or changed any plumbing found in any unsanitary condition or not in accordance with this Chapter. Failure to comply with the order within a reasonable time is an infraction and subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code. (1977 Code § 9-566; 1998 Code)

B. **Refusal to Comply:** It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent or occupant of any building or premises to fail, neglect or refuse to repair, remove, replace or change within ten (10) days after written notice to do so from the Building Inspector, any plumbing condemned by such Inspector; provided, that this subsection shall not apply to any occupant not responsible for the installation or repair of the condemned plumbing. (1977 Code § 9-576; 1998 Code)

9-3-11: **PENALTY:**

A. **Homeowner, Building Owner Or Manager:** The violation of any provision of this Chapter by any homeowner, building owner or manager of any building, apartment, hotel, motel or other structure shall be an infraction and subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code.

B. **Person Receiving Payment:** The violation of any provision of this Chapter by any

person who receives payment or anything of value for performing such work shall be a Class B misdemeanor and subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code. (1977 Code § 9-577)