ORDINANCE NO. 700

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THE EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, LICENSING OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PLUMBING, OR LABORING AT THE TRADE OF PLUMBING; REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS; CREATING AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND A BOARD OF PLUMBER EXAMINERS, AND PRESCRIBING THEIR DUTIES; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; ESTABLISHING MIMINUM REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION OR REPAIR OF PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 476, 520, 637, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk in the City of Las Vegas, being marked and designated as "Uniform Plumbing Code - 1955 Edition" be and the same is hereby referred to as the Plumbing Code of the City of Las Vegas and by said reference and adoption made a part of this Ordinance the same as if it were fully set forth herein, such adoption to include all appendices and the index.

SECTION 2. Certain sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1955 Edition, as adopted by this Ordinance, are hereby deleted, amended, repealed or added to as follows, namely, to-wit:

Section 1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.2 - Administrative Authority & Assistant.

To provide for the administration and enforcement of this Code, the office of Chief Plumbing Inspector is hereby created, together with such assistants as may be necessary to properly discharge the duties of his office. Any section or sections of the Code posing questionable interpretations shall be interpreted by the Board of Examiners.

Section 1.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.3 - Administrative Authority Qualifications.

The Administrative Authority and such Assistants as may be hereafter appointed shall be practical plumbers, having not less than three (3) years actual experience as journeymen or master plumbers, and shall be in possession of a valid Certificate of Competency issued by the City of Las Vegas.

Section 1.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.4 - Department Having Jurisdiction.

Unless otherwise provided for by law, the office of Chief Plumbing Inspector is hereby made a part of the Department of Building and Safety.

Section 1.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.8 - Violations and Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishabl by a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the City Jail for not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or any portion thereof during which any violation of this Code occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as herein provided.

CITY CLERK'S FILE

The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans and specifications shall not be deemed or construed to be a permit for or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this Code. No permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this Code shall be valid, except insofar as the work or use which it authorized is lawful.

The issuance of a permit upon plans and specifications shall not prevent the Administrative Authority from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans and specifications or from preventing construction operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this Code or of any other Ordinance or from revoking any Certificate of Approval when issued in error.

Every permit issued by the Administrative Authority under the provisions of this Code shall expire by limitation and become null and void, if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within sixty (60) days from the date of such permit, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of sixty (60) days. Before such work can be re-commenced a new permit shall be first obtained so to do, and the fee therefore shall be one-half the amount required for a new permit for such work.

Section 1.11 is hereby amended by deleting Paragraph (d).

Section 1.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.13 - Cost of Permit

Every applicant for a Permit to install; add to, alter, relocate, or replace a Plumbing or Drainage System, or part thereof, shall state in writing on the application form provided for that purpose, the character of work proposed to be done and the amount and kind in connection therewith, together with such information pertinent thereto as may be required.

Such applicant shall pay for each Permit issued, at the time of issuance, a fee in accordance with the following schedule, and at the rate provided for each classification shown therein.

Any person who shall commence any plumbing work for which a permit is required by this Code without first having obtained a permit therefor shall, if subsequently permitted to obtain a permit, pay double the permit fee fixed by this section for such work, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to emergency work when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Administrative Authority that such work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to obtain a permit therefor before the commencement of the work. In all such cases a permit must be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so, and if there be an unreasonable delay in obtaining such permit, a double fee as herein provided shall be charged. In the event the work is stopped in accordance with Section 1.7, the fees shall be double the normal charge if the person was at fault on such installation.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

For Each Permit (Minimum	$2.50
For Each Plumbing Fixture or Trap	.50
For Each House Sewer	15.00
For Each House Sewer Replacement	2.50
For Each Septic Tank	3.00
For Each Water Heater	.50
For Each Gas Piping 1 to 5 outlets	1.00
For Each Gas Piping System of 6 or more, per outlet	.20

For installation, alteration or repair of water piping and/or water treating	$ 2.50
Plus 1/2¢ per foot of piping	
For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping	2.50
For vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices installed subsequent to the installation of the piping or equipment served:	
One to five	1.00
Over five, each	.20
For each gas appliance	.50
For each swimming pool:	
Public	20.00
Private	10.00
For lawn sprinkler heads	
One to ten	1.00
Over ten, each	.10

Section 2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.3 - General Provisions

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, carry on or engage in the business of plumbing or act in the capacity of a Master Plumber, without first having had issued to him a valid Master Plumber's Certificate of Qualification by the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to work or labor at the trade of plumbing in the capacity of a Journeyman Plumber without first having a Master Plumber's or Journeyman Plumber's Certificate of Qualification issued by the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to work or labor at the trade of Plumbing in the capacity of an Apprentice Plumber without first having had issued to him a valid Apprentice Plumber's Certificate of Qualification by the Board of Plumber Examiners.

Section 2.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.5 - Appointment of Board of Examiners

The Board of Plumber Examiners shall consist of seven (7) members having thereon three (3) licensed Master Plumbers, three (3) licensed Journeyman Plumbers and one (1) resident taxpayer of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, who shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The members of said board shall be appointed for, and serve for one (1) year unless sooner removed for malfeasance in office, neglect of duty, or incapacity. The Chief Plumbing Inspector of the City of Las Vegas shall be designated as the secretary of the Board of Plumber Examiners, however the secretary shall have no vote.

The Board of Examiners shall furnish the Personnel Department of the City of Las Vegas with all questions and plans for the Master Plumber's Examination, through the secretary of the Board and said examination shall be given by the Personnel Department at least four (4) times a year. Said examination shall be any type or types, as the Board of Examiners shall specify. Applications for examination shall close thirty (30) days before the date scheduled for such examination.

The Board of Examiners shall appoint an Oral Board to examine the applicant after he has passed the examination given by the Personnel Department. Said Oral Board to be composed of at least three (3) members of the Board of Plumber Examiners.

The Board of Examiners shall furnish the Chief Plumbing Inspector with all equestions and plans for the Journeyman Plumber's examination and said examination shall be given during the office hours of his office.

All examination papers will be submitted to the examining board for their review after each examination.

Section 2.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.7 - Application Fee.

Every person applying for a Plumber's Certificate of Qualification shall pay to the secretary of the Board of Plumber Examiners at the time he makes such application the following fees:

(a) Master Plumber's Certificate - - - - - - - - - - - - $50.00
(b) Journeyman Plumber's Certificate - - - - - - - - - - 5.00
(c) Apprentice Plumber's Certificate - - - - - - - - - - 1.00

Section 2.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.8 - Issuance of Certificate of Qualification

The City of Las Vegas shall issue Plumber's Certificate of Qualification pursuant to the following:

(a) Master Plumber's Certificate of Qualification shall be issued to every person who makes application for such certificate, pays the required fee and successfully passes the examination conducted by the Personnel Department, and Oral Examining Board.

(b) Journeyman Plumber's Certificate of Qualification shall be issued to every person who makes application for such certificate, pays the required fee and successfully passes the examination conducted by the Chief Plumbing Inspector.

(c) Apprentice Plumber's Certificate of Qualification shall be issued to every person who makes application for such certificate, pays the required fee, and is approved by the Board of Plumber Examiners.

Section 2.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.9 - Re-Examinations.

Any person who fails to pass the Master Plumber's Examination as prescribed by the Personnel Department, may apply for re-examination at least thirty (30) days prior to the next examination.

Any person who fails to pass the Journeyman Plumber's Examination may apply for re-examination ten (10) days after the date of his last examination. Should such person fail to pass the second time, a period of six (6) months shall elapse before applying for a third examination.

Section 2.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.10 - Terms of Certificates of Qualification.

Every Plumber's Certificate of Qualification shall remain in force and effect until its expiration date, unless cancelled or revoked.

Master Plumber Certificates of Qualification shall expire on December 31 of each year. Journeyman Plumber Certificates of Qualification shall expire on December 31 of each year. Apprentice Plumber Certificates of Qualification shall expire on December 31 of each year.

Section 2.11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.11 - Renewal of Certificates and Fees

All Plumber Certificates of Qualification, except Certificates which have been cancelled or revoked, may be renewed from year to year upon request and payment of the required renewal fee. If a renewal of a Certificate be requested and the required fee paid within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of such Certificate, the renewal fee shall be $15.00 for a Master Plumber's Certificate; $2.50 for a Journeyman's Certificate; and $1.00 for an Apprentice's Certificate. If such renewal be requested and the required fee paid more than thirty (30) days but less than ninety (90) days after the expiration date of such certificate, the renewal fee shall be doubled. No certificate may be renewed more than ninety (90) days after the expiration date of such certificate, but in such event, a new examination will be required.

Section 2.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.12 - Revocation of Certificates for Fraud or Incompetency.

The Board of Plumber Examiners, may cancel or revoke any Certificate of Qualification issued by them to any Master, Journeyman, or Apprentice Plumber, if such Master, Journeyman or Apprentice Plumber later shows in competency or lack of knowledge in matters relevant to such Certificate or if such Certificate was obtained by fraud. If the Certificate of Qualification of any Master, Journeyman or Apprentice Plumber be so cancelled or revoked, another such Certificate shall not be granted to such person within twelve (12) months after the date of cancellation or revocation.

Section 2.15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.15 - Display of Sign.

It shall be unlawful for any person not in legal possession of a valid Business License to engage in, or carry on, or represent himself, itself, or themselves as engaged in or carrying on the Business of Plumbing or to use the words "Master Plumber", "Plumbing", or "Plumber", in any advertising or to display or expose a sign having similar import for the purpose of implying the advertiser to be so engaged; and in addition, every person properly licensed as provided by the Ordinances of the City shall have an established place of business together with the display of a sign to such effect. All trucking equipment shall expose or display a sign.

Section 403 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 403 - Size of Drainage Piping.

(a) The minimum sizes of vertical and/or horizontal drainage piping shall be determined from the total of all fixture units connected thereto, and additional, in the case of vertical drainage pipes, in accordance with their length. Any drainage pipe serving a water closet shall be not less than four inches (4").

(b) Table No. 3 of this Chapter shows the maximum number of fixture units allowed on any vertical or horizontal drainage pipe, house drain, and/or house sewer of a given size; the maximum number of fixture units allowed on any branch interval of a given size; the maximum length (in feet) of any vertical drainage pipe of a given size.

(c) Every building in which drainage piping is installed and every connection to a sewage disposal system shall have at least one stack of a size equal to the main house drain extending continuous from such house drain through the roof as a main vent.

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Tow or more one-story buildings located on the same lot or parcel of land under one ownership, when connected to a common house sewer or private sewage disposal system, may be vented by means of piping sized in accordance with Table No. 3 of this Chapter providing that at least one main vent is installed to vent the house sewer or private disposal system.

(2) When a house drain exceeds four inches (4") in size, the main vent shall be equal in size to the largest required drainage stack in the building, but in no case less than four inches (4").

Section 1003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(j) Medical, Therapeutic, Surgical, Shampoo Basins, Developing Tanks, Photo Tanks, Coffee Urns or similar devices, etc., Mortuary or Similar Places. Water supply shall be protected by approved vacuum breakers on the discharge side of the last valves and installed not less than five and one-half (5½') feet above the floor, and at no time less than six (6") inches above any fixture or equipment served, unless such vacuum breaker is an integral part of the fixture or equipment having an approval as a unit.

Section 1004 is hereby amended by adding Paragraph (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) No galvanized, wrought iron or steel water pipes permitted under inaccessable concrete slabs, unless treated in a manner approved by the Plumbing Department.

(f) When connecting to copper piping or fittings; brass nipples and fittings shall be used, or an approved galvanic resistor or dielectric union between two dissimilar metals.

SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 476, 520, 637, and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but it is specifically provided that neither this Ordinance nor any repeal hereby provided shall in any way effect the prosecution for the violation of any Ordinance heretofore passed or pending at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect one week from adoption pursuant to the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, Chapter 2, Section 30.

ATTEST: Shirley Ballanger
SHIRLEY BALLANGER, City Clerk

APPROVED: C. V. Baker
C. D. BAKER, Mayor

The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the Board of Commissioners on the 7th day of September, 1955, and referred to the following committee composed of Commissioners Fountain and Sharp for recommendation; thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 7th day of March, 1956, which was the regular meeting held on said day, and at said regular meeting held on said day, the proposed ordinance was read in full to the Board of Commissioners as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

Voting "Aye": Commissioners Bunker, Fountain, Sharp, Whipple & Mayor Baker

Voting "Nay": None Absent: None

ATTEST: Shirley Ballanger
SHIRLEY BALLANGER, City Clerk

APPROVED: C. V. Baker
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N O T I C E

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Said Code, together with the above mentioned changes is on file as aforesaid for use and examination by the public.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas will consider for adoption an ordinance adopting said code with the desired changes at a regular meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 16, 1955 at the City Hall, 5th and Stewart Streets, Las Vegas, Nevada.

This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, as amended by Chapter 99, Statutes of Nevada, 1947.

Lucy Dawson
City Clerk

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SHIRLEY BALLINGER
City Clerk.

Pub. Nov. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13, 1955.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEVADA, }
COUNTY OF CLARK } ss.

Richard Lochrie, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is Foreman of the LAS VEGAS MORNING SUN, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Las Vegas, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the attached was continuously published in said newspaper for a period of one week

from November 7, 1955 to November 13, 1955

inclusive, being the issues of said newspaper for the following dates, to-wit:

November 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1955

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on each of the dates above named.

Signed Richard Lochrie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, 1955

Barbara L. Greenson

Notary Public in and for Clark County, Nevada

My Commission Expires My Commission Expires Mar. 17, 1956