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ARTICLE 1711  
Registration and Licensing of Plumbers  
and Inspection of Plumbing Work

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1711.01 DEFINITIONS

The following words, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a.) Certificate: A written authority or permit issued by the City Clerk of the City of Franklin authorizing the licensee to engage in or work at the business of plumbing or house or building drainage for the period of one calendar year or the fractional part thereof next ensuing the date of its issue.
- b.) City: The City of Franklin, or the municipal limits of the City of Franklin, as the context shall indicate.
- c.) Licensee: The person to whom the certificate or license is issued.
- d.) License: A certificate as herein defined.

(Ord. 856, Sect. 1, Passed 5-3-48)

- e.) Business of Plumbing or House or Building Drainage: The maintenance of an established commercial location from which the practice, the maintenance of materials and fixtures used in, the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, plumbing appliances, and plumbing appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, venting systems and public or private water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building or structure. Not included in this definition is the installation of gas piping; chilled water piping in connection with refrigeration, process and comfort cooling; hot water piping in connection with building heating; and piping for fire sprinklers and stand pipes. Also not included in this definition are ordinary repairs to plumbing or plumbing systems consisting of minor repairs or replacements of an existing system provided they are made in the same manner and arrangement as in the existing system and further

provided such repairs or replacements are made in a safe and sanitary manner, and, if inspections are required under Article 1709, are approved by the plumbing officer or inspector. The location of the establishment of a commercial location for the business of plumbing or house or building drainage shall be within the City limits of the City of Franklin or within one (1) mile thereof.

(Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 8, Passed 5-18-81)

- f.) Work of Plumbing or House or Building Drainage: Work performed in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all pipes, fixtures, plumbing appliances, and plumbing appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities; venting systems and public or private water supply systems; within or adjacent to any building or structure. Not included in this definition are installations of gas piping; chilled water piping in connection with refrigeration, process and comfort cooling; hot water piping in connection with building heating; and piping for fire sprinklers and stand pipes. Also not included in this definition are ordinary repairs being minor repairs or replacements of any existing system made in the same manner and arrangement as in the existing system, provided such repairs or replacements are made in a safe and sanitary manner and, if inspections are required under Article 1709, are approved by the plumbing officer or inspector.

(Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 8, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.02 EXAMINATIONS AND LICENSES REQUIRED

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of plumbing or house drainage for payment in the City of Franklin without first successfully completing a proper examination in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Health, or the Council acting as such, may prescribe. Upon the successful passage of such an examination, the applicant must secure from the Board of Health or Council a license or permit to engage in such business or work of plumbing or house drainage. (Ord. 749, Sect. 1, Passed 8-15-32; Ord. 9 of 1977, Sect. 1, Passed 8-15-77)

#### 1711.03 APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Applications for a certification or license to engage in or work at the business of plumbing or house or building drainage in the City of Franklin shall be in writing and addressed to and filed with the Code Enforcement Officer. The fee for filing an application shall be \$1.00. The Code Enforcement Officer shall promptly notify the Board of Examiners of the application. (Ord. 856, Sect. 2, Passed 5-3-48)

#### 1711.04 FEES FOR EXAMINATIONS

The fees for examinations, which shall be paid when the application for a certificate or license is filed, shall be \$50.00 for master plumbers, firms or corporations and \$25.00 for

journeyman plumbers and other persons engaged in the work of plumbing, and any applicant shall also pay the actual cost of materials and supplies used in the examination. (Ord. 856, Sect. 3(b), Passed 5-3-48; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 2, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.05 BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Health, or Council acting as such, shall prescribe the rules and regulations governing the giving and taking of examinations. Any person who has made application for examination eighteen (18) years or more of age, shall be eligible to take the examination for journeyman plumber; and any person who has been licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for one (1) or more years as a journeyman plumber shall be eligible to take the examination for master plumber. The Board of Health or Council shall also appoint a Board of Examiners which shall consist of three (3) competent persons who shall examine all applicants for licenses and permits. (Ord. 749, Sect. 2, Passed 8-25-32; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 3, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.06 EXAMINATIONS

The Board of Examiners shall fix a time, not less than thirty (30) days after notice of the examination, to hear and examine the applicants. The Board shall notify the applicant of the hearing and examination and at said hearing and any adjourned hearings examine the applicant to find and determine if the applicant is competent or incompetent to engage in and work at the business of plumbing or house or building drainage. Within ten (10) days following the hearing, or the last adjournment thereof, the Board shall certify its findings and determinations to the Code Enforcement Officer. (Ord. 856, Sect. 3(a), Passed 5-3-48)

#### 1711.07 LICENSES ISSUED--FEES FOR LICENSES

The Code Enforcement Officer shall direct the City Clerk to issue a certificate or license to each applicant certified by the Board of Examiners to be competent, which shall entitle the successful applicant to carry on the business of plumbing or house drainage in the City of Franklin as a master plumber or the work of plumbing or house drainage in the City of Franklin as a journeyman plumber. An examination any one member of a firm, or the proper officer of any corporation, or the superintendent or foreman to be in charge of said business for a firm or corporation, shall be deemed sufficient. The examination fee shall include a license for the remaining part of the calendar year in which an applicant successfully passes an examination. (Ord. 856, Sects. 4(a) and 4(b), Passed 5-3-48; Ord. 749, Sect. 2, Passed 8-15-32; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 4, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.08 RE-REGISTRATION

An application for re-registration for the ensuing year shall be in writing and addressed to and filed with the City Clerk. The application shall be filed during December of each and every year. The fee for filing an application for re-registration shall be \$50.00 for master plumbers, firms and corporations, and \$25.00 for journeyman plumbers and other persons engaged in the work of plumbing. The fees for re-registration shall be paid to the City Clerk when the application for re-registration is filed. (Ord. 856, Sects. 5(a) and 5(b), Passed 5-3-48; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 5, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.09 RE-EXAMINATION

In the event an application for re-examination shall be necessary by reason of the failure to qualify, or the failure to re-register at the specified time, or otherwise, an application for re-examination shall be in writing and addressed to the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer shall refer the application to the Board of Examiners to be acted upon as provided in 1711.06 and 1711.08 of this Article. The fee for a re-examination shall be \$50.00 and for a master plumber and \$25.00 for a journeyman plumber. Any applicant for re-examination shall also pay the actual cost of materials and supplies used in the re-examination. (Ord. 856, Sects. 6(a) and 6(b), Passed 5-3-48; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 6, Passed 5-18-81)

#### 1711.10 REVOCATION OF LICENSES

The license granted under the provisions of this Article may be revoked by the Board of Health or Council when any firm, corporation, master plumber, journeyman plumber, superintendent or foreman shall be deemed incompetent or for any other reasonable cause. Said firm, corporation, master plumber, journeyman plumber, superintendent or foreman shall, however, be entitled to an additional examination upon payment of the fee provided in this Article. (Ord. 749, Sect. 2, Passed 8-15-32)

#### 1711.11 REQUEST FOR INSPECTIONS

#### 1711.12 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1711.13 FEES FOR INSPECTIONS

Repealed in their entirety.

(Ord. 10 of 1978, Sect. 1, Passed 9-25-78)

#### 1711.99 PENALTY

Any firm, corporation, master plumber or journeyman plumber violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be liable for a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars nor exceeding Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars for each and every day he or they may engage in and conduct said business without having said license or permit as provided for in 1711.02. Such fine shall be recoverable by summary proceedings before any Magistrate in said City and, when collected, shall be paid into the treasury of the City of Franklin. (Ord. 749, Sect. 3, Passed 8-15-32; Ord. 7 of 1981, Sect. 7, Passed 5-18-81)