

**CLARK COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT  
PLUMBING REGULATIONS  
(Amended 10/03/02)**

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Power to regulate sanitary condition of buildings - see Ohio R.C. 715.26(A), 715.29

Power to enforce State Building Code relating to sanitary construction - see Ohio R.C. 3781.03

Plumbing Inspections Division - see ADM. 137.03

Licensing sewer tappers - see S.U. & P.S. 915.05

Separate sewer connections required - see S.U. & P.S. 915.09

Use of Public Sewers - see S.U. & P.S. 916.02, 925.02

**01 SHORT TITLE**

This title shall be known as the Clark County Combined Health District - Plumbing Regulations and may be cited as this Plumbing Regulation.

**02 OHIO PLUMBING CODE ADOPTION**

(a) There is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, the Ohio Plumbing Code being Chapters 4101:3-1 TO 4101:3-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code which are in effect as of January 1, 2002, or may hereinafter be amended from time to time, for the purpose of establishing standards and specifications for methods and materials relating to all plumbing and plumbing work regulated by this Plumbing Regulation. This Regulation is inclusive of 1, 2, and 3 family dwellings.

### **03 DUTIES OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

The Plumbing Inspector shall maintain public office hours necessary to efficiently administer the provisions of this Plumbing Regulation and amendments thereto, and shall perform the following duties:

- (a) Keep a record of all work submitted for inspection, together with action thereon.
- (b) Keep a record of the plumbing in each building in the Health District erected after October 27, 1952.
- (c) Inspect all plumbing work authorized by a permit to assure compliance with this Plumbing Code or amendments thereto, approving or condemning work in whole or in part as conditions require.
- (d) Issue a certificate of approval for any work approved.
- (e) Condemn and reject all work done, or being done, or materials used, or being used, which do not in all respects comply with the provisions of this Plumbing Regulation and amendments thereto.
- (f) Order changes in workmanship or materials essential to obtain compliance with all provisions of this Plumbing Regulation.
- (g) Investigate unsanitary conditions in any building or premises, resulting from defective plumbing or lack of plumbing therein, which makes it a menace to health and to issue orders for the abatement of such conditions.

### **04 RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Whenever necessary for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Plumbing Regulation, or whenever the Plumbing Inspector has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or structure or upon any premises, any condition which makes such building, structure or premises unsafe, the Plumbing Inspector may enter such building, structure or premises during reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon the Plumbing Inspector by this Plumbing Regulation; provided that if such building, structure or premises is occupied, shall first present proper credentials and request entry. If such entry is refused, the Plumbing Inspector shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.

### **05 DANGEROUS AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS**

(a) Whenever it is brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Health that any dangerous or unsanitary condition exists, or that any construction or work regulated by this Plumbing Regulation is dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or a menace to life, health or property, or is in violation of this Plumbing Regulation, the Health Commissioner may request an investigation by the Plumbing Inspector, who upon determining such information to be true, shall order any person, firm or corporation using or maintaining any such condition, or responsible for the use or maintenance thereof, to discontinue the use of or maintenance thereof, or to repair, alter, change, remove or demolish the same as he may consider necessary for the proper protection of life, health or property.

In a case where there is danger of pollution of the water supply, the Health Commissioner may order the water service shut off until such plumbing is made safe to life and health. In cases where any business establishment is closed by the Health Commissioner because of conditions detrimental to public health, such business shall remain closed until permission to reopen such place of business has been granted by the Health Commissioner.

(b) In cases where any building is condemned by the Health Commissioner and ordered vacated because of being dangerous to life and health, such building shall remain vacant until permission to reopen such building has been granted by the Health Commissioner.

(c) Every order pursuant to this section shall be in writing, addressed to the owner, agent or person responsible for the premises in which such conditions exist and shall specify the date or time when such order shall be complied with, which time shall allow a reasonable period in which the order can be complied with by the person, firm or corporation receiving such order, but shall never exceed the maximum period for which such construction can be safely used or maintained in the judgment of the Health Commissioner. Refusal, failure or neglect to comply with such notice or order shall be considered a violation of this Plumbing Regulation.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector and of the Health Commissioner to enforce the provisions of this Plumbing Regulation, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt any other officer or department from the obligation imposed upon them of enforcing the provisions hereof.

## **06 SANITARY FACILITIES REQUIRED**

(a) All buildings erected in the Health District and intended for human habitation or occupancy shall be provided with operable sanitary plumbing facilities. At the least, each new and existing housing unit intended for human habitation shall be provided with an operable separate water closet and sink for each family. New or remodeled nonresidential structures shall be provided with separate water closets and lavatories as required by this Plumbing Regulation. All water closets and lavatories to be located within places of public accommodation, as defined under the ADA, shall meet ADA requirements.

(b) Privy vaults and chemically treated dry pan toilets shall not be constructed, installed or used on any premises within the City of Springfield.

## **07 PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

All plumbing systems including repairs and additions hereafter installed in the Health District shall conform with the provisions of this Plumbing Regulation.

## **08 CONFLICT; MORE RESTRICTIVE PROVISION TO CONTROL**

In any specific case where there is a difference in the materials, methods of construction or

other requirements specified in different sections of this Plumbing Regulation, or any other applicable law or ordinance, or any rule or regulation of any administrative officer or board having jurisdiction, the more restrictive shall govern.

**09 STATE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE**

The definitions contained in CHAPTER 2, SECTION 202 of the Ohio Plumbing Code shall apply to the interpretation of this Plumbing Regulation.

**10 APPROVED**

"Approved" means accepted or acceptable under an applicable specification stated or cited in this Plumbing Regulation, or accepted as suitable for the proposed use under procedures and powers of administration delegated in this Plumbing Regulation.

**11 BUILDING**

"Building" means an enclosed structure having exterior or party walls and a roof designed for the shelter of persons, animals or property.

**12 ERECTED**

"Erected" means altered or changed, as well as any new installation.

**13 PERSON**

"Person" means a natural person, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, and includes a firm, partnership or corporation and its or their successors or assigns. The singular includes the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine.

**99 PENALTY**

Whoever violates any provision of this Plumbing Regulation or any notice or order issued pursuant thereto, is guilty of violating Ohio Revised Code 3709.99 and is punishable under that section.

**SECTION II**  
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to license plumbers - see Ohio R.C. 715.27

Licensing sewer tappers - see S.U. & P.S. 915.05

**01 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings given herein.

(a) "Apprentice Plumber" means a person who is registered as such, and who is undergoing an apprenticeship or course of training, not to exceed five years, for the purpose of learning the trade of plumbing. An "Apprentice Plumber" shall perform no work regulated by this chapter, except as an assistant, under the direct supervision of a master plumber, and in the immediate presence of a licensed/registered master plumber or a licensed/registered journeyman plumber. There may be one apprentice plumber employed for each active master plumber and one apprentice plumber to each three journeyman plumbers or fraction thereof employed by a master plumber.

(b) "Licensed Journeyman Plumber" means a person who supervises, installs, alters or repairs plumbing systems or part thereof, as an employee but does not furnish material or supplies, and who is the legal possessor of a valid journeyman plumber's license, as provided for in this chapter.

(c) "Registered Journeyman Plumber- County Only" means a person who supervises, installs, alters or repairs plumbing systems or part thereof, as an employee but does not furnish material or supplies, and who is registered and the legal possessor of a valid journeyman plumber's registration, as provided for in this chapter, who can work in the Clark County Combined Health District exclusive of the City of Springfield.

(d) "Licensed Master Plumber" means a person duly qualified to engage in the installation of plumbing and in planning, designing, superintending, maintenance, and repair with respect to plumbing in all of its branches. An active Master Plumber is a master plumber holding a valid active master plumber's license and who is authorized to engage in the installation of plumbing, through contract or otherwise, and also in planning, designing, superintending, installation, maintenance, and repair with respect to plumbing in all of its branches, and as such is authorized to employ journeymen plumbers and plumbers' apprentices and other persons necessary for the proper installation of plumbing work in accordance with this Plumbing Regulation.

(e) "Inactive Licensed Master Plumber" is a master plumber holding a valid inactive master plumber's license, who has chosen not to maintain insurance and a bond in accordance with Section II (08) of this Plumbing Regulation and who enjoys the privileges and responsibilities as set forth in Section II of this Plumbing Regulation.

(f) "Registered Master Plumber – County Only" means a person who supplies all information requested and pays a fee set forth by the Clark County Combined Board of Health to engage in the installation of plumbing and in planning, designing, superintending, maintenance, and repair with respect to plumbing in all of its branches within the jurisdiction of the Clark County Combined Health District exclusive of the City of Springfield. Registered Master Plumber – County Only is a master plumber holding a valid master plumber's registration and who is authorized to engage in the installation of plumbing, through contract or otherwise, and also in planning, designing, superintending, installation, maintenance, and repair with respect to plumbing in all of its branches, and as such is authorized to employ licensed/registered journeymen plumbers and plumbers' apprentices and other persons necessary for the proper installation of plumbing work in accordance with this Plumbing Regulation.

## **02 PROHIBITION**

No person shall engage in the business of plumbing or do work at the trade of plumbing in the Health District until he has first obtained a valid license or registration in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

## **03 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE/REGISTRATION**

Every application for a plumber's license or registration of any type shall be in writing and on such form as the Health Commissioner prescribes. To be eligible for licensure, the applicant must submit one of the following:

- (a) Passed the master plumber license test for the City of Springfield.
- (b) A valid State License issued by the State under ORC Chapter 4740 Specific to Plumbing.
- (c) Passed the journeyman plumber license test for the City of Springfield.
- (d) A valid Journeyman License issued by a municipality requiring testing for licensure.

The application shall set forth the name, residence, place of business or occupation of the applicant, and length of time he has been engaged in the business or trade of plumbing, together with a stipulation that, if granted a license after passing the exam, he will comply with all laws, ordinances, resolutions and public regulations of competent authority relating to plumbing, sanitation and allied work. Any plumber may apply for registration to perform plumbing in Clark County within the health district jurisdiction exclusive of the City of Springfield.

#### **04 VIOLATIONS OF LICENSING OR REGISTRATIONS**

It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector, or any other person to report all violations of the provisions of this chapter to the Health Commissioner, and to assemble and present to the Health Commissioner and the Plumbing Advisory Committee all known available information, data and materials reflecting upon any such violation.

#### **05 REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR REGISTRATION**

Upon written complaint of any person, and after investigation of the complaint, the Plumbing Inspector may recommend to the Health Commissioner that a plumber's license or registration be revoked. The Health Commissioner upon recommendation of the Plumbing Advisory Committee is authorized and empowered to revoke, modify or suspend any license or registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for any of the following acts or omissions of the holder of any such license or registration: fraud, deceit or misrepresentation of any facts in obtaining a license or registration; obtaining a contract for work authorized under any such license or registration by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation of facts; negligence or incompetency in the practice of contracting or the performance of any work; conversion of property or funds belonging to another; failure to complete any contract or work undertaken under the cloak of such license or registration; unreasonable delay in the prosecution of completion of any work to which such a licensee or registered plumber may be a party; willful or fraudulent material departure from the plans or specifications prescribed for any work undertaken by a licensee or registered plumber; violation of or disregard for any provision of law or ordinance or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto resulting in injury or damage to any person or to the public; giving false information on an application for a permit; or the filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy by such licensee or registered plumber or an assignment by him for the benefit of his creditors or the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take charge of the property, assets and affairs of such licensee or registered plumber. However, no such license or registration shall be revoked without at least fifteen (15) days advance written notice by the Health Commissioner to the licensee or registered plumber to such effect and without affording to such licensee or registered plumber the opportunity to appeal to the Plumbing Advisory Committee by submitting the request in writing and stating the reason for the appeal, to be filed with the Health Commissioner and the Plumbing Advisory Committee within ten days after receipt of notice of revocation.

#### **06 EXAMINATION FEES**

Every applicant for examination as a journeyman shall pay the appropriate exam fee prescribed by the testing agent prior to taking such examination.

#### **07 LICENSE/REGISTRATION FEE**

If, after paying such examination fee and taking such examination, the examining agent is satisfied of the competency of such applicant, the Agent shall issue a certificate to him directed to the Health Commissioner, which certificate shall recite that such applicant has passed the examination of journeyman plumber. The Health Commissioner, upon receipt of such certificate, shall upon the payment of the fee hereinafter prescribed into the Clark County Combined Health District, issue such applicant a license in accordance with such certificate, authorizing him to follow and engage in the occupation or trade of a plumber in the Health District in the capacity specified in such license. Applicants who register as Registered Master Plumber – County Only or Registered Journeyman Plumber – County Only shall pay the fee to the Clark County Combined Health District for the appropriate registration.

### **08 MASTER PLUMBER'S LICENSE**

(a) The Health Commissioner shall issue a Master Plumber's active license upon payment of a fee which will be made available at the Clark County Combined Health District, and upon the applicant providing evidence satisfactory to the Health Commissioner that the following items are valid and remain in effect during the duration of the license.

- (1) Comprehensive general liability insurance, including completed operations, with a minimum limit of liability of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability.
- (2) The execution by such applicant for such license of a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with sureties thereon to the approval of the Health Commissioner, which surety shall be some approved general surety or bonding company. Such bond shall be conditioned to save the Health District and its inhabitants harmless from all liability, loss or damage of whatsoever nature that may result directly or indirectly to person or property by reason of any act or neglect of any such licensee, or of any person in his employ or working under his supervision, with respect to any work contemplated by the terms of his license, and that such licensee will abide by the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing plumbing work in the Health District then in force or thereafter established by proper authority.

(b) In the event a master plumber holding a valid active license or registration desires a sewer tapper's license authorized by the Health District, the same shall be issued to the applicant without being required to take and pass the examination described in Section 915.06 and without any further or additional bond being required of such master plumber upon payment into the Health District of the fee provided for in such Regulations.

(c) All master plumber's active licenses and registrations shall expire on December 31 in each year and may be renewed annually upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District and providing the evidence described in paragraph (a) of this regulation.

(d) Any person having a valid master plumber's license issued by the Health District, may obtain an inactive master plumber's license upon payment of a fee set forth by the Health District. A

person holding a valid inactive master plumber's license is excused from the requirement to carry the insurance and bond described in paragraph's (a)(1) and (3) of this regulation. An inactive master plumber's license shall expire on December 31 of each year and may be renewed annually upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District.

(e) A person holding a valid inactive master plumber's license shall have all of the privileges and responsibilities of a journeyman plumber, but shall not be required to obtain a journeyman plumber's license.

(f) A person holding a valid inactive master plumber's license may have his license converted into an active master plumber's license upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District and providing the evidence described in paragraph (a) of this regulation. Conversion from inactive to active status shall not require taking an examination.

### **09 JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER'S LICENSE/COUNTY ONLY REGISTRATION**

(a) The Health Commissioner shall issue a journeyman plumber's license/registration upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District, with respect to any work contemplated by the terms of his license/registration and upon the applicant's representation that such licensee/registrant will abide by the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing plumbing work in the Health District then in force or thereafter established by proper authority.

(b) All such journeyman plumber's licenses/registrations shall expire on December 31 in each year and may be renewed annually upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District.

### **10 APPRENTICE PLUMBERS**

All apprentices shall be registered by the Board and all applicants for registration as plumbers shall pay the appropriate fees, which will be made available at the Clark County Combined Health District. Registration cards expire on December 31 in each year and may be renewed annually upon the payment of a fee set forth by the Health District.

### **11 FAILURE TO RENEW LICENSE**

(a) Any person engaged in the occupation of master plumber or journeyman plumber who fails to secure such renewal of such license within thirty days from the date of the expiration thereof, shall before he receives another license and is eligible to engage in the occupation of plumber and take the examination and pay the fee and secure the certificate provided for the prescribed in this chapter.

(b) No reductions in fees shall be made for any part of the year having elapsed.

### **12 DISPLAY OF LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER**

It shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of

plumbing as a master plumber to display his certificate of license/registration number on all vehicles while engaged in the business of plumbing as a master plumber. These numbers shall be attached in a legible manner in contrasting colors on both sides of said vehicles with not less than two-inch block numerals. When a vehicle displaying a license/registration number is no longer used in the master plumber's plumbing business or in the event the master plumber's license/registration expires or is revoked, the master plumber shall either remove the license/registration number from the vehicle or paint over the license/registration number with an opaque paint so that the license/registration number can no longer be seen.

### **13 ADVERTISING AS PLUMBER WITHOUT LICENSE/REGISTRATION**

(a) No person, firm or corporation in the Health District shall advertise or hold himself out to the public as a licensed/registered plumber when such person, firm or corporation does not have such license/registration as provided for in this chapter.

(b) No person, firm or corporation not in legal possession of a valid active master plumber's license/registration issued by the Health District shall engage in, or represent himself as an active master plumber in the Health District or expose or use a sign with the words "Master Plumber" or "Plumber" thereon, or to advertise with similar words, for the purpose of implying that he is a master plumber or a plumber.

### **14 UNLAWFUL PRACTICE**

(a) No licensed/registered master plumber shall allow his name to be used by any other person, directly or indirectly, to obtain a plumbing permit.

(b) No licensed/registered master plumber shall employ any person to perform plumbing work of a journeyman plumber who is not properly licensed/registered as a journeyman plumber or an inactive master plumber.

### **15 EMPLOYING UNLICENSED/UNREGISTERED PLUMBERS**

No person shall permit any unlicensed/unregistered plumber to do any plumbing work upon any premises owned or under the control of such person, except as provided and prescribed in this Plumbing Regulation.

### **16 RECORD OF LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS**

A record of all plumbing licenses/registrations shall be kept on file in the office of the Health Commissioner.

### **17 EXCEPTIONS**

(a) The provisions of this chapter, relative to examinations, licenses and registrations shall not apply to public utilities, public institutions, governmental buildings, nor to mercantile,

commercial or industrial plants, which maintain departments for installation, maintenance and repair of plumbing in or on their respective premises or plant, under expert supervision in conformity with the laws of the State and the provisions prescribed in this chapter relative to sanitation and plumbing, unless the person with expert qualifications who supervises or is in charge of such maintenance department has first made an application for a maintenance license/registration. The maintenance license/registration application shall include a fee set forth by the Health District, shall be made in writing upon application blank forms prescribed by the Health Commission for such purpose and shall contain the name, residence, address and place of business of the applicant, the length of time he has worked at plumbing work or has been engaged in the business of plumbing and an agreement to abide by the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing plumbing work in the Health District, then in force or thereafter established. The maintenance license/registration shall expire on December 31 of each year, and shall be renewed annually upon the payment of the fee set forth by the Health District. No reduction shall be made for any part of the year having elapsed at the time such registration is applied for. If the Plumbing Inspector finds any such plumbing to be contrary to this chapter relative to sanitation and plumbing, and the person responsible for such violation of the law refuses to rectify the conditions complained of, the Plumbing Inspector is authorized to refuse permission for further work on same or the use thereof until such improper plumbing installation or repair work has been corrected and made to comply with the provisions as prescribed in this Plumbing Regulation. However, no plumbing installation work shall be done by any maintenance department until a permit to do such work has been obtained as required in this chapter.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to departments, branches, service units or buildings of the Federal, State and municipal governments, but Federal, State and municipal governments are requested and urged to follow the local custom and procedure of employing properly licensed/registered plumbers on all public housing projects, or to an individual person installing plumbing in accordance with the provisions prescribed in this Plumbing Regulation, in a one-, two-, and/or three-family dwelling used exclusively for residential purposes, on premises owned and occupied by such individual, provided such person secures a permit therefor, from the Plumbing Inspector. A permit for such plumbing work shall be granted by the Plumbing Inspector upon the filing of an affidavit that all such work shall be constructed and installed by such person without the help or hire of others, and such permit shall be conditioned upon the approval of such work, at its completion by the Plumbing Inspector, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the provisions prescribed in this Plumbing Regulation relative to sanitation and plumbing.

## **18 INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN APPLIANCES; EXCEPTIONS**

Anything contained in this Plumbing Regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the installation of water softeners, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, air conditioning

equipment, ice makers, vending machines, coil cleaning machinery, garbage disposal units, refrigerators, humidifiers or other similar appliances as determined by the Plumbing Advisory Committee where such installation involves attachment to water lines, waste lines, drains or vent stacks, hereinafter called appliance installations, shall be performed by a person holding a valid master plumber's license/registration or his licensed/registered journeyman plumber.

### **19 PERMIT AND INSPECTION**

(a) Before undertaking the installation of a fixture or appliance the proper party shall apply for a permit from the Clark County Combined Health District and shall pay the permit fees prescribed under Chapter 1369. This shall include water heaters, water softeners and water purifiers.

(b) The establishment shall notify the Plumbing Inspector within twenty-four hours of the completion time, and the Inspector shall inspect the installation within forty-eight hours excluding water heaters, water softeners, water purifiers which will be inspected within a reasonable amount of time after the work has been done in conformity with applicable regulations of the County. Should the inspection disclose any defect or violation of such ordinances, the same shall be corrected within ninety-six hours after written notice has been given to the establishment of such defect or violation. There shall be a re-inspection fee, which will be established and made available at the Clark County Combined Health District.

**SECTION III  
Plumbing Permits and Fees**

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<b>04</b>	<b>Exceptions.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Licensing sewer tappers.</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>Work designated by permit.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Examination for License.</b>
<b>06</b>	<b>Expiration of permit.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Bond required; Revocation.</b>
<b>07</b>	<b>To whom permits may be issued.</b>		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Building permit fees - see BLDG. Ch. 1313

Plumbing inspections - see BLDG. Ch. 1361.03©

**01 PLUMBING PERMITS**

No person shall install plumbing, water service or do work for which a permit is required, on any premises in the Health District without first having obtained such a permit. When an emergency exists, work may be commenced on the plumbing system prior to obtaining a permit, provided a permit is applied for to the Health District within two working days after commencement of the work. The plumbing inspector must deem the situation as an emergency.

**02 PERMIT APPLICATION AND FEE**

(a) All applications for plumbing permits shall be made on forms approved by the Health Commissioner. No application for a permit shall be processed, nor any permit issued, until the fees prescribed have been paid to the Health District. Fees for the following permits will be made available at the Clark County Combined Health District.

Plumbing permit

Fixtures

Water heater new & replacement (also must have new T & P valve)

Water softeners (new & replacement)

Water Purifiers

Sewer lines installed (new & replacement) between curb or right away and building

Water lines installed (new & replacement) between curb or right away and building

Backflow (if installed after construction has been completed)

(b) In addition, a fee established by the Health District shall be charged whenever a re-

inspection is necessary as a result of work being improperly or incompletely performed or as a result of an inspector being unable to complete a scheduled inspection through the fault of the permit applicant or his agent.

### **03 REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL PLANS FEE**

When plans are required to be submitted pursuant to this Plumbing Regulation or the Ohio Plumbing Code, a fee set forth by the Health District for the review of such plans shall be available at the Clark County Combined Health District.

### **04 EXCEPTIONS**

No permit shall be required for plumbing repairs or replacements which are not subject to or required to be tested or inspected under the provisions prescribed in this Plumbing Regulation or the Ohio Plumbing Code.

### **05 WORK DESIGNATED BY PERMIT**

Each permit so issued shall designate the work to be done thereunder and in no case shall any work be done which is not specified therein; nor shall any work be commenced or prosecuted until such permit has been issued and in possession of the person in charge of such work.

### **06 EXPIRATION OF PERMIT**

If the work authorized by permit is not commenced within six months from the date of its issue, such permit shall be deemed to have expired.

### **07 TO WHOM PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED**

No permits shall be issued to any person, to do or cause to be done any construction or installation of plumbing regulated by this Plumbing Regulation except to a person holding a valid, unexpired and unrevoked active master plumber's license/registration. In the case of a partnership or corporation engaging in the business of plumbing as an active master plumber, permits for plumbing work to be performed by the partnership or corporation may be issued only to the partner or officer holding a valid, active master plumber's license/registration.

### **08 PERMITS NOT ASSIGNABLE**

In the event different portions of work are contracted for by different plumbers, each plumber must take out the permits covering his portion of the work. Such permits may not be assigned.

### **09 INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL OR UNAUTHORIZED WORK CHARGE**

When any person, firm or corporation has commenced work on a project without first procuring the necessary permit therefor, the Plumbing Inspector shall make a thorough investigation to determine whether all work performed prior to the subsequent issuance date of the specified permit conforms to all pertinent provisions of this Plumbing Regulation. The charge for making such investigations prior to the issuance of the necessary permit shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee required plus the cost of such investigation which shall be computed at the rate set forth by the Health District per hour of investigation, but in no event shall the additional charge for investigation exceed the amount set forth by the Health District. The payment of the aforementioned charges shall not relieve any person, firm or corporation from full compliance with the requirements of this Plumbing Regulation in the execution of the work nor from any penalty prescribed herein.

#### **10 LICENSING SEWER TAPPERS (CITY ONLY)**

No person shall engage in or carry on the business of building house connections with sewer or of tapping sewers within the City of Springfield until he has obtained a license from the Health Commissioner in accordance with law and the provisions of this chapter. Such license shall be issued by the Health Commissioner in the manner herein provided for, and the fee therefor, for such person, shall be set forth by the Clark County Combined Board of Health. Such licenses shall expire on December 31 of each year succeeding the date of issue and shall be renewable annually upon the payment of the license fee and renewal of bond.

#### **11 EXAMINATION FOR LICENSE (CITY ONLY)**

Any person desiring to engage in the work or business of constructing house connections with sewers or tapping sewers shall apply to the Health Commissioner for a license for such purpose, and shall pay a fee set forth by the Health District to take a sewer tapper's examination. The Health Commissioner shall examine such applicant as to his practical knowledge of constructing house connections with sewers and of tapping sewers and if satisfied of the competency and reliability of such person to do such work, shall issue to him a license authorizing him to engage in the work or business of constructing house connections with sewers and of tapping sewers upon his compliance with the conditions hereinafter stated.

#### **12 BOND REQUIRED; REVOCATION (CITY ONLY)**

Every person, before receiving the license aforesaid, shall enter into a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with sureties to the approval of the Health Commissioner, conditioned that he will indemnify and save harmless the Health District from all accidents, liability and damage of every kind and nature caused by his negligence either in the execution of or protection of his work or for any unfaithfulness or inadequate work done under and by virtue of his license and that such licensee will comply with all ordinances of the Health District and all rules and regulations now in force or hereinafter provided. The Health Commissioner may revoke any license for any violation of any of the ordinances of the Health District or for the violation of any rules and regulations or for any cause which the Health Commissioner may deem just and proper.

## **SECTION IV VARIANCES**

### **01 VARIANCES**

Variations to any rule(s) set forth in these regulations may be granted by the Board of Health directly or through its appointed designee(s) as the case may be.

(a) Appeals to the Board of Health must be made in writing and specifically state the proposed variance and the rule(s) involved. The variance request must also include a description of the system involved and demonstrate that:

- 1) There would be unusual and unnecessary hardship in complying with the rule;
- 2) The health of persons using water from the plumbing system will not be endangered by the variance;
- 3) No other technically feasible and economically reasonable means of constructing the plumbing system is available;
- 4) No variance or waiver shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of these rules, or otherwise be contrary to the public interest or adversely impact the public health.

(b) The Clark County Combined Health District shall maintain a list of all variances or waivers granted in a calendar year.