

## CHAPTER 124

### PLUMBERS PERMITS

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**124.01 PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED.** The installation of water pipes and proper installation in buildings, or any premises, of plumbing which is connected with municipal water system or which drains water drawn from said system shall comply with all pertinent and applicable provisions of the State Plumbing Code, whether regulatory, procedural or enforcement provisions as set forth in the Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 641, Chapter 25, which is hereby adopted by reference.

**124.02 STATE OF IOWA LICENSE REQUIRED.** All persons installing water piping and water utilizing fixtures connected to the municipal water system, and to public sanitary and storm water drains, as regulated by the State Plumbing Code, shall possess a valid and current license issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

**124.03 PERMIT REQUIRED.** All persons installing water piping and water utilizing fixtures connected to the municipal water system, and to public sanitary and storm water drains, as regulated by the State Plumbing Code, shall possess a valid and current city permit issued by the City Clerk. The Clerk shall issue a permit upon proper application (accompanied by a bond as hereinafter specified). Said application shall certify that the applicant possesses a current State of Iowa Plumber's License, and that the applicant agrees to make all installations under the applicant's charge in accordance therewith. All permits are valid until December 31 of each calendar year unless revoked as indicated in 124.07.

**124.04 LICENSE/PERMIT EXCEPTION.** Repairs that involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages, repair of leaks or replacement of defective faucets or valves may be made by any person without a license provided no changes are made in the piping to the fixtures. Persons may also make plumbing repairs or improvements upon real estate owned by them or real estate in which they hold interest therein without the necessity of license/permit. However, such repairs and improvements shall be in accordance with the State Plumbing Code.

**124.05 BOND; LIABILITY INSURANCE.** No permit shall be issued to any plumber until there has been filed a bond with the Clerk with sureties acceptable to the City in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) conditioned upon the full observance of City ordinances applicable to the plumbing business, and that said applicant will indemnify the City for all losses and damages sustained by reason of any negligence on the part of such licensee and any agents or employees of the licensee while engaged in plumbing, excavating or backfilling, or because of such activity, or any costs sustained in enforcing the terms of the bond. No permit shall be issued to any plumber or excavator until said person has filed a certificate of insurance-with the Clerk indicating that said plumber or excavator is carrying public liability insurance in effect for the duration of the permit, covering the acts of the plumber or excavator and any agents and employees for the following amounts (minimum):

	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Per Accident</u>
Bodily Injury	\$100,000	\$300,000
Property Damage		\$ 50,000

The permit of a plumber or excavator shall be suspended by the Clerk upon receipt by the City of a notification of the cancellation of the bond or liability insurance, and may be reinstated only upon filing of a new bond or certificate. A journeyman plumber, while doing plumbing work under a master plumber who has filed the required bond and insurance, need not file such bond or certificate of insurance.

**124.06 PERMIT FEE.** The license shall be:

Master Journeyman Plumber	\$25.00 per year
Excavator, not employed by a Plumber, digging in a public street	\$25.00 per year

**124.07 PERMIT REVOCATION.** The plumbing inspector shall have the power to suspend the permit of any plumber for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter; a suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the Council. The plumbing inspector shall notify the plumber immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension and the time and place of the Council meeting at which the plumber will be granted a hearing. At such Council meeting, the

plumbing inspector shall make a written report to the Council, stating the reasons for the suspension, and the Council, after fair hearing, shall sustain or revoke the suspension or take any further action that is necessary and proper.

**124.08 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** It is the duty of the Superintendent employed by the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Utilities to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and make the necessary inspections and tests. The Council may appoint or authorize assistants or agents of the Superintendent as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

**124.09 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent and any authorized representatives may enter any premises on proof of authority for the purpose of inspecting any plumbing systems, at such time as may be reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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