

SECTION 1

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners has approved recommended changes to Chapter 92 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Code – Plumbing via Board Resolution number 24-1815 on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the changes in terminology serve to update the code; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 2

Section 92.01 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.01. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them, unless it is apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended:

- (1) *Plumbing* means the act or occupation of installing water services in the property and any interior piping or fixtures in any building, which pipes or fixtures are used for the conveyance or distribution of the public water supply.
- (2) *Plumbing system* of a building means the piping for the distribution of water from the public water supply, the plumbing fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances connected thereto, including the piping to such fixtures and appliances.
- (3) *Fixture* shall be defined as including, but not limited to, the following: water closet, urinal, faucet, shower, dishwasher, drinking fountain, hose connection, sillcock, water heater, water softener, underground sprinkler, hot tub/spa, clothes washer supply or any water supplied fixture.
- (4) *Master plumber* means any person duly authorized to engage in the plumbing business, in the capacity of employer or contractor, taking the responsibility of supervision and an employer of ~~journeymen~~ journeyperson plumbers.

SECTION 3

Section 92.05 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.05. Reserved. Display of permit.

~~Permits issued hereunder, displaying the permit number, date and to whom issued, shall be conspicuously posted on each job.~~

SECTION 4

Section 92.06 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.06. Permit fees; penalty.

(a) ~~Plumbing p~~Permit shall be paid according to the following schedule: Charges shall be in the amount listed in the fee schedule established pursuant to Sec. 85.08.

~~1. Interior piping:~~

~~Base fee residential (one and two family dwellings)\$76.00-~~

~~Base fee commercial (other than one and two family dwellings)76.00-~~

~~Each fixture installed (this fee to be charged in addition to base fees on fixtures installed or roughed in for new installations, additions, and rehabilitations. No fixture charge on repairs.)6.00-~~

~~2. Underground piping:~~

~~Two inch and smaller water service connections90.00-~~

~~Four inch and larger water service connections and fire supplies210.00-~~

~~3. Service connection disconnect at property line80.00-~~

~~NOTE: Permit fees for underground piping shall be charged for the first seventy five (75) feet of piping, each additional seventy five (75) thereafter, and shall not be prorated.~~

(b) Should any plumber, person, firm or corporation begin work of any kind for which a permit from the water utility is required under this Code without having secured the necessary permit therefor, or within twenty-four (24) hours after work is commenced in the case of an emergency, as determined by the water utility, the plumber, person, firm or corporation shall be required to pay double the plumbing permit fee required, except that such time limit shall be exclusive of holidays and Sundays. If such plumber, person, firm or corporation fails to take out such permit more than three (3) times in any calendar year, such plumber, person, firm or corporation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). After five (5) such violations of the provisions of this Code, the certificate covering such plumber in plumbing activities shall be revoked.

SECTION 5

Section 92.07 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.07. Plumber's license; plumbing on one's own premises.

- (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in or work at the business of plumbing, as herein defined, either as a master or as a ~~journeyman~~ journeyperson plumber, without first having received a certificate of competency from the board of examiners of the city and a license from the state.
- (b) Anyone not so licensed and certified may do plumbing work which complies with the provisions of this code and the rules and regulations of the water utility on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by that person as a primary residence.

SECTION 6

Section 92.08 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.08. License not transferable.

~~(a)~~ A master plumber's certificate and license is not transferable, and the right of any firm or corporation to do business under said certificate and license depends upon the retention,

as an active member or officer, of the holder of the certificate and license under which they are authorized to do business. Hence, if a member of a partnership who is the holder of a certificate and license under which the firm does business, or the officer of a corporation holding a certificate and license under which the firm does business, for any reason severs ~~their~~his connection or for any other reason is no longer connected with such firm or corporation, such firm or corporation is automatically in violation of this chapter until a new certificate and license is secured.

~~(b) Any master plumber taking out permits in his or her name for the use of any other person, firm or corporation, or employing anyone to do plumbing work who does not have a journeyman's certificate, shall be guilty of violation of this chapter.~~

SECTION 7

Section 92.11 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 92.11. Reserved. Permits, who may secure.

~~Application for a plumbing permit will only be recognized when bearing the signature of a duly authorized master plumber who has complied with the provisions of this code, or the signature of the owner and occupant of premises as described in section 92.07.~~

SECTION 8

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.