

CHAPTER 15  
PLUMBING CODE

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**15.01 STATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED.** (1) ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. Chapter 145, Wis. Stats., and the State Plumbing Code, Wis. Adm. Code COMM 81 to 85 are adopted and, by reference, made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of such regulations shall constitute a violation of this chapter, punishable according to the penalties provided herein.

(2) TO BE ON FILE. A copy of the State Plumbing Code shall be on file in the offices of the Building Inspector.

**15.02 PLUMBING DEFINED.** In this chapter, “plumbing” means and includes the following:

(1) All piping, fixtures, appliances, equipment, devices and appurtenances in connection with the water supply, water distribution and drainage systems, including hot water storage tanks, water softeners and water heaters connected with such water and drainage systems, and the installation thereof.

(2) The construction, connection or installation of any drain or waste piping system from the outside, or proposed outside, foundation walls of any building to the mains or other sewerage system terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems, and the alteration of any such systems, drains or waste piping.

(3) The water service piping from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the fire protection main or other water utility service terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes and its connections.

(4) The water pressure systems other than municipal systems as provided in Ch. 145, Wis. Stats.

(5) A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement; to prevent, with a margin of safety, unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, siphon or affect trap seals or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures or permit sewer air to escape into the building; to prohibit contamination or pollution of any potable water supply and distribution system; and to provide an adequate supply of water to properly serve, cleanse and operate all fixtures, equipment, appurtenances and appliances served by the plumbing system.

**15.03 BUILDING INSPECTOR, POWERS AND DUTIES.** (1) GENERAL. The Building Inspector shall be certified by the Department of Commerce. The Inspector shall enforce all provisions of this chapter and all other State and Town provisions relating to the construction installation, alteration and repair of all plumbing within the Town and shall make such inspections, perform such tests and issue such orders as may be necessary for such enforcement. In the discharge of his duties, the Inspector or his authorized agent may enter any building during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection.

(2) PERMITS. The Inspector shall take applications and issue to qualified applicants or master plumbers who submit their license number on the permit application, permits as required for all work done under this chapter and shall maintain suitable records of the permits issued.

(3) **REPORTS.** (a) *To Town Board.* The Building Inspector shall make such reports to the Town Board as it may require concerning the activities of his office.

(b) *To the Department of Commerce.* The Building Inspector shall make such reports to the Department of Commerce as are required under §145.04(3), Wis. Stats.

(4) **STOP WORK ORDERS.** The Building Inspector may order work stopped on the construction, installation, alteration or repair of plumbing when such work is being done in violation of this chapter. Work so stopped shall not be resumed except on written permission of the Inspector, provided that if the stop work order is an oral one, it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.

**15.04 PLUMBING PERMITS.** (1) **REQUIRED.** No work contemplated by this chapter shall be started until a permit therefor has been obtained from the Building Inspector or his authorized agent.

(2) **APPLICATION.** The application shall be in writing upon forms provided by the Building Inspector and shall include the name of the owner and the description of the property on which the work is to be done, and all plumbing to be installed, along with such pertinent information as the Inspector may require.

(3) **ISSUANCE; TERM.** When the Building Inspector is satisfied that the work proposed by the applicant can be done in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, and after the appropriate fees have been paid to him, he shall issue the permit. Such permit shall be good for the continuous performance of the work named thereon. A permit shall automatically expire if work has not been commenced within 90 days of the date of issuance or when work ceases for a period of 90 days without good and reasonable cause for same and shall automatically expire on completion of the work for which it was issued; provided the Inspector may, upon notice, suspend or revoke such permit for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(4) **RESPONSIBILITY.** It shall be the responsibility of the installer or contractor to determine if a permit is required and to obtain the same prior to commencing work.

(5) **RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE.** (a) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person who is in violation of this chapter until such violation has been corrected.

(b) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person against whom an order issued by the Building Inspector is pending.

(6) **FAILURE TO ISSUE; SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.** Any person directly interested who is aggrieved by the decision of the Building Inspector to refuse to issue a permit or to suspend or revoke such permit may, within 20 days, appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**15.05 PERMIT FEES.** See Town Fee Schedule. The fees shall be doubled for any work commenced prior to obtaining a permit.

**15.06 PLUMBERS TO BE LICENSED.** (1) **GENERAL.** All plumbing work shall be done only by a plumber licensed by the State for such work, or his employees.

(2) **EXCEPTION.** The owner-occupant of a single-family residence may perform plumbing work in his own home.

**15.07 INSPECTION OF WORK.** The permittee or an authorized representative shall, in writing or orally, request inspections by the Building Inspector at appropriate times required for the enforcement of this chapter. The Inspector shall perform the requested inspection within 72 hours after notification, except the final inspection. The work shall not proceed beyond the point of inspection until the inspection has been completed, except if inspection has not taken place within 72 hours of notification, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, unless otherwise agreed upon between the permittee and the Inspector. shall continue any violation beyond the foregoing time limits shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties provided in sec. 20.04 of this Code.

**15.08 NON-ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY.** This chapter shall not be considered as assuming any liability on the part of the Town or any official or employe thereof for damages to anyone injured or for any property destroyed by any defect in any building or equipment, or in any plumbing or electric wiring or equipment.

**15.15 PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any order, rule or regulation thereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 20.04 of this Code.