

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
ORDINANCE NO. 362

An Ordinance relating to the Plumbing Code repealing MCC 9.30 in its entirety and establishing a new MCC 9.30

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. The existing Multnomah County Code Chapter 9.30 is repealed and a new MCC 9.30 is hereby established as follows:

CHAPTER 9.30
PLUMBING CODE

9.30.005 Title: Area of Application. This chapter shall be known as the Plumbing Code Ordinance of Multnomah County, may be so pleaded and referred to and shall apply to areas within Multnomah County.

9.30.015 Policy. The Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary, for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare, for Multnomah County to adopt, administer and enforce the Oregon State Plumbing Specialty Code in areas of Multnomah County.

9.30.030 Adoption of the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code by Reference. Those portions of the "Oregon State Building Code", as defined in ORS [456.470] 456.750 constituting the "Plumbing Specialty Code, as authorized by ORS [447.470] 447.020 and adopted by the Director of the Department of Commerce, pursuant to ORS 183.310 to 183.550 and identified as OAP Chapter 814, is hereby adopted and by this reference incorporated as part of this Chapter as though fully set forth. The administrative provisions of this chapter shall take precedence over any similar provisions of the Plumbing Specialty Code.

9.30.040 Plumbing Code Board of Appeals.

(A) Any one aggrieved by the final decision of the Building Official may appeal that decision to the Plumbing Code Board of Appeals.

(B) The Multnomah County Building Code Board of Appeals, established under Multnomah County Code Title 9, Chapter 10, shall hereby also serve as the Multnomah County Plumbing Code Board of Appeals.

(C) The membership, duties and powers of the Plumbing Code Board of Appeals shall be as stated in MCC 9.10.

9.30.050 Determination of Buildings as unsafe. Any building, portion thereof, or premises, used in conjunction therewith, which has any of the conditions or defects, hereafter described, shall be considered unsafe, if the conditions or defects are found to endanger life, health, property or safety or the public or occupants.

- (A) A building is unsafe whenever insanitary or dangerous conditions exist, due to improperly installed, poorly maintained, defective, damaged, incomplete, or malfunction of any piping, plumbing or sewage system.

The Building Official shall take whatever action necessary to cause abatement of the unsafe condition in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in MCC 9.10.

9.30.060 Supervising Plumber Requirements

- (A) It shall be a violation for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of plumbing, represent to the public the ability to do plumbing or display a sign that states or implies the ability to do plumbing UNLESS the person is a "Registered Supervising Plumber" or the firm or corporation has a principal member or full time employee who is a "Registered Supervising Plumber".
- (B) A person desiring registration as a "Supervising Plumber" shall possess a valid State of Oregon Journeyman Plumber Certificate of Competency", and pay the appropriate fee(s).
- (C) Registrations are non-transferable, shall be valid for not more than one year, and may be renewed upon payment of appropriate fee(s).
- (D) The Building Official may, with cause, revoke or suspend the registration of a "Supervising Plumber".

9.30.070 Savings Clause. If any title, section, subsection, phrase, clause, sentence or work of this chapter shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected by that ruling and shall remain in full force and effect.

9.30.080 Other Permits Required.

- (A) Nothing in this chapter shall affect the necessity of obtaining all applicable permits and paying all fees prescribed by other rules, ordinances or statutes of Multnomah County of the State of Oregon.
- (B) Nothing in this chapter shall affect the powers and duties of County Health Officials in any respect, and those powers and duties, together with all regulations pertaining thereto, shall be capable of exercise and enforcement irrespective of and in addition to this chapter.

9.30.090 Violations and Penalties.

(A) A person shall not:

- (1) Violate or procure, aid or abet in the violation of any final order concerning the application of a provision of the State Building Code in a particular case made by the director, an advisory board, a state administrative officer or any local appeals board, building official or inspector.
- (2) Engage in or procure, aid or abet any other person to engage in any conduct or activity for which a permit, certificate, label or other formal authorization is required by any specialty code or other regulation without first having obtained such permit, certificate, label or other formal authorization.

(B) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$100 per violation. In the case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance of the violation is a separate violation (ORS 456.885).

9.30.100 Fees for Plumbing Code Permits and Plumbers Licenses.

(A) Before a permit may be issued for the installation, alteration, renovation or repair of a plumbing or sewage disposal system, fees shall be collected in accordance with this section. Fees charged in this section relate to individual building or structure systems. Multiple service private plumbing or sewage disposal systems, including but not limited to planned unit developments or mobile home parks, shall be subject to plan review fees as set forth in MCC 5.10.220.

(B) Where an application is made under MCC 9.30.150 and a plan is submitted, in addition to the fees under subsection (C) of this section, the following fees shall be collected:

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| (1) Plumbing plan examining fee, allowing first 20 fixtures, minimum: | \$10 |
| (2) Additional fee for each 10 fixtures or additional fraction thereof: | \$ 6 |
| (3) Each additional floor level: | \$ 6 |

- (C) Before a permit may be issued for the installation, renovation, alteration or repair of a plumbing or drainage system, fees in accordance with the following table, plus a 4% surcharge, shall be paid:
- (1) For the first fixture, appliance or opening for future use: \$15
 - (2) For each additional fixture, appliance or opening for future use: \$(6) 8
 - (3) For each floor drain, area drain, catch basin, sump or similar connection: \$(6) 8
 - (4) For each refrigerator, ice box, cooler or similar connection with indirect waste: \$(6) 8
 - (5) For each hot water heater: \$(6) 8
 - (6) For each shower head installed over a floor drain: \$(6) 8
 - (7) For any fixture or appliance connected to a water system only: \$(6) 8
 - (8) For each rain or storm drain, building drain or building sewer connection with a sewer, cesspool, septic tank, leaching well or other method of disposal including replacement lines and not exceeding 10 feet in length:
 - (a) Lines not exceeding six inches in diameter and 10 feet in length: \$(20) 25
 - (b) Lines not exceeding eight inches in diameter and 10 feet in length: \$(25) 30
 - (c) Lines not exceeding ten inches in diameter and 10 feet in length: \$(30) 35
 - (d) Lines not exceeding twelve inches in diameter and 10 feet in length: \$(40) 45
 - (e) Lines over twelve inches in diameter but not over 10 feet in length: \$(50) 55
 - (9) All sewer lines exceeding 10 feet in length shall be subject to a fee of \$(6) 8 for each additional 50 feet or fraction thereof, plus the fees set forth in paragraph (8) of this subsection.

- (20) (a) For requested inspection of existing single family dwellings the fee shall be: \$ (15) 35
- (b) For any requested inspection of commercial, industrial or multiple family buildings the fee shall be: \$ (40) 60
Plus \$40 per hour or portion thereof after the first hour.
- (21) The fees for alteration, replacement or repair of any plumbing or sewer system shall be the same as for new work. If any work on the construction, alteration, repair, replacement or completion of a plumbing system is commenced without first obtaining a plumbing permit, the fee for the plumbing permit shall be doubled, unless the person performing the work notified the Plumbing Section before any work was commenced and the permit is secured within 24 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
- (22) No plumbing permit shall be issued for the installation of a plumbing or drainage system for a new building or for an existing building moved to a new location, unless the rain drains are included in the permit.
- (D) For issuance of a Supervising Plumber License there shall be a fee of: \$50
- (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section the minimum charge for the issuance of any permit issued pursuant to this section shall be: \$15


Adopted this 13th day of January, 1983.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY


Presiding Officer

Authenticated on this 17th day of January, 1983


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Presiding Officer

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