

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 67

An Ordinance requiring plumbing shops in Multnomah County, Oregon to provide a bond in favor of the County, a master plumber's license, and at least one supervisor plumber in their employ, amending Chapter 25.16, Section 25.16.030 of the Multnomah County Plumbing Code.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 25.16, Section 25.16.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 25.16.030 Licenses:

- "A. (1) No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of furnishing labor and material, or labor only, to repair, alter, renovate or install plumbing, or to repair, alter, renovate or install sewer disposal systems unless he is the holder of a current certificate under O.R.S. 447.030 (relating to plumbing), or O.R.S. 447.033 (relating to sewage cesspool work) as the case may be.
- (2) A person desiring to engage in the business of master plumber in Multnomah County, or furnishing labor and material or labor only to repair, alter, renovate or install plumbing, or to place or install pipes, fittings or fixtures in any building or elsewhere for the conducting of water, sewage and/or drainage systems either by contract, sub-contract, day work or otherwise, and has executed a bond in the penal sum of \$2,000.00 in favor of Multnomah County shall apply to the Plumbing Section, Multnomah County Health Department for a master plumber license. All licenses shall expire at midnight on the 30th day of June each year. No license shall be issued for less than the fiscal year in which it is issued. The fee for a master plumber's license shall be \$25.00 annually.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to engage in plumbing business, or to hold out to the public as being able and willing to undertake the furnishing of plumbing materials and labor, or to

display a sign of plumbing or plumbers, or a sign containing similar import, unless such person, firm or corporation has associated with them as a member of the firm, or as a full time employee, one or more supervising plumbers. Any person, firm or corporation having more than one place of business shall have one or more full time supervising plumbers for each place of business. It shall be unlawful for any supervising plumber to countersign permit applications for more than one person, firm or corporation. The supervising plumber may be relieved from further responsibility under any permit countersigned by him when the work started under the permit is stopped by the owner or general contractor, if notice in writing to that effect be at once filed with the plumbing section.

- (4) Whenever a supervising plumber shall leave or be discharged from the employ of any person, firm, or corporation holding a master plumber's license, notice in writing thereof shall be given within five (5) days by the employer to the plumbing section, and the certificate of license of such employer shall without further order or action by the plumbing section stand suspended until the employment by him of another supervising plumber and notice in writing has been given by the employer to the plumbing section countersigned by such supervising plumber. During the period of time when such certificate is so suspended it shall be unlawful for the holder thereof to do any plumbing work for which a permit is required by this code.
- (5) All applicants who desire to register as a supervising plumber in Multnomah County must have a State of Oregon Plumbing Competency Card and successfully pass an examination touching upon his fitness and qualifications pertaining to the installation of plumbing. Applicants shall be required to receive a grade average of not less than 70 per cent on such examination. After passing the examination the applicant will be issued a supervising plumber's license. All licenses shall expire at midnight on the 30th day of June each year. No license shall be issued for less than the fiscal year in which it is issued. The fee for a supervising plumber's license shall be annually \$15.00. The plumbing section may pass upon the fitness of applicants for registration as supervising plumbers without examination providing the applicant is registered as a supervising plumber in a state, county or city in which the qualifications for registration are not lower than the qualifications for registration in the County of Multnomah at the time he applies for registration. Any applicant for supervising plumber aggrieved by the action of the plumbing section may appeal to the Board of

Appeal in the plumbing inspection section of the Division of Public Health.

- (6) Any person who desires to perform work as a sewage cesspool man or septic tank installer in Multnomah County shall register with the plumbing section and apply for a sewage cesspool supervisor's license. All licenses shall expire at midnight on the 30th day of June each year. No license shall be issued for less than the fiscal year in which it is issued. The fee for a sewage cesspool license shall be \$25.00 annually.
- (7) All licenses issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be nontransferable. Any violations of Section 25.16.030 of this code are subject to the penalties of this code."

Section 2.

This Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

DATE OF PASSAGE: March 22, 1977

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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