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Plumbing Inspector

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That the office of Plumbing Inspector be, and is hereby created for Hamilton County, Tennessee whose jurisdiction shall extend to all territories in said County outside the corporate limits of Chattanooga. Said Inspector may be employed by the County Council of Hamilton County, Tennessee and his compensation shall be fixed by said Council and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

SECTION 2. That the County Council of Hamilton County, Tennessee is hereby authorized by resolution to adopt rules and regulations governing said office, defining its powers, duties, specifications and any other matters essential to the operation of said office.

SECTION 3. That from and after the establishment of such position and the filling of same by the Council, the Plumbing Inspector shall proceed to make the proper inspections when notified by the contractor, owner or other person doing the work, and he shall issue a certificate with his approval when the work is found by him to be in accordance with the rules and regulations hereinafter specified. No permit shall be granted for any plumbing in any resident or business house until the Plumbing Inspector shall have examined, passed on and approved the applications, plans and specifications of plumbing in said building, all of which shall be based on the conditions and specifications adopted and authorized by the County Council. If such application, plans and specifications do not appear to conform to the requirements adopted by the Council, no permit shall be issued under such applications, until plans and specifications are made to comply with the rules, regulations and specifications adopted by the Council.

SECTION 4. That the amount of fees charged for permits shall be fixed by the Council and said fee shall be paid directly to the Plumbing Inspector and he shall turn over same to the County Trustee; and that all fees shall be certified monthly to the County Judge by said Inspector; and, he shall use a book of vouchers or certificates furnished by the County Council and regularly numbered and the certificates shall correspond by number with the number of certificates furnished to the County Judge.

SECTION 5. That the Plumbing Inspector shall execute a solvent indemnity bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and proper accounting of all fees coming into his hands as such Plumbing Inspector in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000) Dollars to be paid for by the County.

SECTION 6. That the Plumbing Inspector is hereby empowered and directed to enter all buildings or structures in pursuance of the duties of his office, and to inspect all plumbing being installed or repaired. No person, firm or corporation shall attempt to install any plumbing in any new building or make major repairs on plumbing in old buildings who has not first obtained a permit to do such work from said Plumbing Inspector; provided, however, that they shall not apply to minor repairs or cases of emergency where plumbing becomes defective from use and requires immediate attention.

SECTION 7. That all plumbing hereinafter installed within the territory covered by this Act shall be installed according to the standards and specifications as shall be adopted by the County Council and fees shall be paid for such inspection as shall be provided by said Council.

SECTION 8. That any person or persons who should violate any provisions of this Act, or who shall fail to comply with any of its provisions or requirements shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction therefor shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each offense. Each and every day's continuance of any violation of a provision of this Act shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 9. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 13, 1945.

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