

GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH PLUMBING REGULATIONS

A REGULATION APPROVED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF GREENE COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT DBA GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Section 1 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these regulations:

- 1.1 BUILDING OR PLACE means any structure consisting of foundations, walls, columns, girders, beams, floors, and roof, or a combination of any number of these parts, with or without other parts or appurtenances. See division (C)(2) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.

- 1.2 DWELLING means any building which is wholly or partly used, or intended to be used, by human occupants not included in Section 3781.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall include any single-family, two-family, or three family dwelling.

- 1.3 PLUMBING means the practice, materials and fixtures utilized in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing appurtenances, within or adjacent to any structure, in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities; venting systems; and public or private water supply systems.
- 1.4 PLUMBING FIXTURES means a receptacle or device that is connected to a water supply system or discharges to a drainage system or both. Such receptacles or devices require a supply of water; or discharge liquid waste or liquid-borne solid waste; or require a supply of water and discharge waste to a drainage system.
- 1.5 HEALTH COMMISSIONER means the legally designated Health Commissioner of Greene County Public Health or an authorized representative.
- 1.6 PERSON means any individual, firm, corporation, association, or partnership.
- 1.7 PROPER ENFORCEMENT means an adequate staff of plumbing inspectors with qualifications in plumbing inspection who hold the Board of Building Standards certification as a plumbing inspector. Experience and qualifications are prescribed in the Board of Building Standards personnel certification rule 4101:7-3-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 1.8 In the event of any conflict between the above definitions of these Regulations and the definitions of the Ohio Revised Code and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, the definitions of the Ohio Revised Code and/or the Administrative Code shall control.

Section 2 Plumbing for Public Buildings

- 2.1 All plumbing in or for public buildings or places located in the Greene County shall be installed, maintained, tested, and inspected in accordance with these regulations and the provisions of Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Division of Industrial Compliance has designated and approved Greene County Public Health to make plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore.

- 2.2 All plumbing in single-family, two-family, and three-family dwellings in the Greene County shall be installed, maintained, tested and inspected in accordance with these regulations and applicable provisions of Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation.
- 2.3 It is the purpose of these regulations to adopt pursuant to incorporation by reference, the standards and methods regarding plumbing installations, maintenance, testing, and inspection for all plumbing in Greene County as is provided in Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto, and to provide, as soon as possible, for the proper enforcement of such provisions to protect the public health, to prevent the contamination of water supplies, to provide the sanitary collection of wastes, and to make unnecessary to exercise the authority of Greene County Public Health as is provided in Section 3707.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2.4 Whenever necessary for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of these Plumbing Regulations or whenever the Plumbing Inspector has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or structure or upon any premises, any condition which makes such building, structure or premises unsafe, the Plumbing Inspector may enter such building, structure or premises during reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon the Plumbing Inspector by these Plumbing Regulations; provided that if such building, structure or premises is occupied, shall first present proper credentials and request entry. If such entry is refused, the Plumbing Inspector shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.

Section 3 Registration of Persons in the Plumbing Business

- 3.1 The Board of Health shall maintain a register of all persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business in Greene County.
- 3.2 Any persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business shall make application to the Board of Health on a form provided by Greene County Public Health to have their name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business. The application form shall contain the name and address of the person making application and the name and

address of the firm or place of business they are associated with and any other information as required by Greene County Public Health to determine compliance with these regulations.

- 3.3 Greene County Public Health requires plumbing contractors to show proof of a current state license with the Ohio Department of Commerce prior to registration for commercial work.
- 3.4 Any person making application to have their name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business in Greene County shall submit with such application an annual fee as set forth by the Board of Health. Such registration shall expire on December 31st of each year.
- 3.5 Upon recommendation of the health commissioner, the Board of Health may, after a hearing, remove the name of any person from the register of persons engaged in the plumbing business in Greene County who has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to comply with this regulation and Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto. Such person may have their name reinstated on the register of persons in the plumbing business by the Board of Health upon recommendation of the health commissioner after satisfactory demonstration of ability and willingness to comply with this regulation and Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto.

Section 4 Permit Required, Approval of Plans, Fees

- 4.1 No plumbing shall be done in any public building place, or dwelling, except in cases of leaks or repairs in existing plumbing, until plans and specifications for such plumbing work have been submitted and approved and a permit has been obtained from Greene County Public Health; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Department of Commerce has designated and approved Greene County Public Health to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore and to all dwellings.
- 4.2 The application to the Board of Health for a permit to do plumbing work shall be made on forms provided by Greene County Public Health and shall be accompanied by the plans and specifications required by these regulations.

4.3 No permit shall be issued to any person by the Board of Health to do plumbing work whose name is not on the register maintained by the Greene County Public Health as provided in Section 3 of this regulation, except to the owner of a single-family dwelling who personally performs the work in the home in which the owner lives or in which the owner intends to live.

4.4 A set of plans/drawings and specifications with their associated evaluation/review fee as set forth by the Board of Health shall be submitted for evaluation and review for commercial work in Greene County. The plans and specifications required by this regulation shall contain sufficient detail and information to allow for a complete review of the proposed plumbing work. A fee schedule may be obtained at Greene County Public Health.

Plans/drawings and specifications shall be returned and marked approved or disapproved.

When such plans/drawings and specifications do not contain the necessary information and details, and when any change or modification is deemed necessary or desirable, such change or modification shall be incorporated in revised plans and specifications and shall be resubmitted using the same procedure as in the initial submission. No additional plan review fee for resubmission is required.

4.5 After the plans/drawings and specifications have been evaluated/reviewed and approved, one copy shall be retained and filed in the office of the Health District, and the other copy shall be returned to the person who submitted such plans/drawings and specifications. Both copies shall be marked to show approval.

4.6 No plumbing shall be installed in any setting except in exact accordance with the approved plans/drawings and specifications.

4.7 Each application to Greene County Public Health for a permit to install plumbing shall be accompanied by a fee as set by the Board of Health, for each trap and/or vented fixture, appliance, or device. The plumbing installation permit shall remain in force until an approved completion of the system has taken place or for one year from the date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

Whenever a re-inspection is made necessary by failure of the applicant to have the work ready for inspection, or by reason of fault, or improper installation, such person shall pay for a re-inspection fee as set by the Board of Health.

Whenever a job requires more than three inspections, the applicant will be

assessed a re-inspection fee as described in the paragraph above.

- 4.8 The application or renewal application for a permit to do plumbing work and the plans and specifications submitted shall be acted upon by Greene County Public Health without undue delay and in every case shall be acted upon within thirty days after application is made and the required plans and specifications submitted.

Section 5 Plumbing Inspector

- 5.1 The health commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Health, shall appoint the required number of plumbing inspectors certified by Board of Building Standards (Reference O.R.C. Chapter 3703)

Section 6 Penalty

- 6.1 Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be in violation of Section 3707.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and subject to the penalties provided by Section 3707.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7 Effect of Partial Invalidity

- 7.1 Should any part of these regulations be declared unconstitutional or illegal for any reason, the remainder of these regulations shall not be affected.