

CITY OF JAMESTOWN
Examining Board of Plumbers
2013
Plumbing Code

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of preparing this manual is to give the plumbing trade, the public, and those responsible for code enforcement a standard that can be used as a reference for the plumbing trade in the City of Jamestown, NY. It is the intent of the manual to provide a current plumbing code that can be utilized for the design and construction of plumbing for all projects in the City of Jamestown. The basis of this code is the New York State Building Code. Much of this code, as it was first established in 1893, is a collection of the local laws passed by the Plumbing board of the past and is still in effect today. It is an incorporation of the rules and regulations which have been used locally for over one hundred years, and combined with the rules from the New York State Code and condensed into a code, which represents accepted standards and is the logical step in the furtherance of modern plumbing. The code was compiled in the hopes that it will assist the developing competence for those who are, or will be, associated in the plumbing trade, as well as to clearly define the local plumbing regulations.

Carl Spitale
Plumbing Inspector-2013

Article I – Administration

Title and Scope – This ordinance shall be known as the City of Jamestown, New York Plumbing Code; may be so cited, and will be referred to in this ordinance as this code.

Section 1. The Administrative Authority is the General Manager of the Board of Public Utilities

The administration and enforcement of this ordinance shall be the duty of the General Manager or his designee, who is hereby authorized to take such action as may be reasonably necessary to enforce the purpose of this ordinance. Such person(s) may be appointed and authorized as an assistant(s) or agent(s) of the administrative authority to carry out the provisions of this code.

Section 2. Provisions of the Code

The provisions of this code shall apply to and govern plumbing as defined in this code, including the practice, materials, and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: sanitary drainage, venting systems, and the public or private water systems within or adjacent to, any building or other structure or conveyance, extension, or alteration of the sewage system of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other terminus.

Section 3. Public Facilities

It is recognized that certain facilities in or adjacent to public streets are referred to in this code, only a portion of which is under the ownership or the control of the owner or occupant of the building or premises to which this code applies.

ARTICLE II – QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PLUMBING TRADE OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN

Section 1. Corporate Rights

Each corporation engaged in the trade or business of plumbing shall register with the clerk of the City of Jamestown annually as a firm of employing master plumbers and pay such fees as may from time to time be established by the City Council by resolution.

Section 2. License Necessary

(a) No person shall engage in the business of plumbing in the City of Jamestown unless licensed as a Master Plumber under the provisions of this code. A Master Plumber or certified plumbing contractor is an individual having a regular place of business who, by himself/herself or through a person or persons in his/her employ, performs plumbing work and who has successfully fulfilled the examination and requirements prescribed by the Board.

(b) No person employed as an apprentice or journeyman plumber shall work as a plumber in the City of Jamestown unless being certified as provided by this article.

Section 3. Application for License

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of plumbing or to install, alter or repair any plumbing system (except repair of system in the personal residence of person doing the work) in the City of Jamestown, New York, or to display a sign or give other notice setting forth or intending to imply that he/she is engaged in the business of plumbing, unless he/she has obtained a certificate of competency after examination, and has duly registered said certificate and received a certificate or registry and a metal sign from the City of Jamestown or is a recognized Master Plumber in another jurisdiction which has a reciprocal agreement with the City of Jamestown. This is a one-time only exception. The fee for this work is at the discretion of the Administrative Authority.

Section 4. Master Plumbers Certificate of Competency Examination Requirements

An applicant for a Master Plumber's license certificate shall file a written application to the office of the Plumbing Inspector, on the form provided by the Examining Board of Plumbers and pay a fee of one hundred fifty (\$150) for said examination. The Examining Board of Plumbers shall approve the application for examination if:

1. The required examination fee of \$150 has been paid.
2. The applicant shall have submitted evidence that he/she is a citizen of the United States
3. The applicant shall have had experience of at least four years as a plumber's apprentice and four years as a journeyman plumber or the equivalent of 1,500 hours of experience per year, and is able to furnish satisfactory evidence of such facts, or
4. The applicant has submitted evidence of having received a degree in plumbing, sanitary engineering, or plumbing engineering from a recognized

- college or university; a two-year degree shall count as two years experience and a four-year degree as four years experience, or
5. The applicant has ten years of practical plumbing experience in the field of plumbing and provides certificate of competency for such.
 6. The application must be accompanied by a certificate signed by no fewer than three (3) references; that they are personally acquainted with the applicant, and believe him/her to be of good moral character.
 7. The applicant shall also submit a police background check showing no convictions for crimes and no unresolved arrests for crimes, which 1) adversely affect the applicant's ability to perform the duties of the position applied for, 2) are inconsistent with the City's legitimate interest in protecting property and the safety and welfare of individuals and the public, or 3) demonstrate moral character inconsistent with the providing a service to the public.

If the application is approved, the Board shall notify the applicant in writing of such approval stating the place and time of the examination. If the application is disapproved, the Examining Board of Plumbers shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the reasons for disapproval and refund the examination fee paid by the applicant.

Section 5. Master Plumber Examination

The examination shall be a written examination consisting of questions and practical exercises designed to determine the applicant's fitness and qualifications to engage in the business of plumbing as a master or employing master plumber. The Master Plumber exams are held semi-annually on the first Mondays of December and June. Applications should be submitted at least thirty one days prior to the examination date.

Section 6. Master Plumber Certification

Before issuing a certificate to engage in the business of plumbing or employing master plumber, the Board shall inquire into the applicant's fitness, qualifications, and background check for conducting such business and may require the applicant to submit under oath such evidence. The Examining Board of Plumbers shall issue, upon payment of the required license certificate fee, a Master Plumber's license certificate to those applicants who meet the qualifications and pass the examination. Such license certificates shall be issued in the name of the Examining Board of Plumbers with the seal thereof attached.

Section 7. Annual Master Plumber License Fee

The annual fee for a Master Plumber license in the City of Jamestown is one hundred dollars (\$100). An initial \$5.00 fee will be charged for digital photo identification, which will be kept on file. The fees will be received by the Plumbing Inspector's Office. Any new photos not submitted by applicant but issued by Plumbing Inspector will be subjected to the \$5.00 fee.

Section 8. Journeyman Plumbers – Certificate of Competency Examination Requirements

An applicant for a journeyman plumber's license certificate shall file a written application under oath to the office of the Plumbing Inspector on the form provided by the Examining Board of Plumbers and pay a fee of twenty (\$20) dollars for said examination. The Examining Board of Plumbers shall approve the application for examination if:

1. The required examination fee of \$20 has been paid
2. The applicant has submitted evidence that he/she is a citizen of the United States or has declared his/her intention to become a citizen
3. The applicant has been engaged as a plumber's Apprentice for the equivalent of 1,500 hours of experience per year for four (4) years preceding the date of application, or
4. The applicant has submitted evidence of successful completion of an approved course in plumbing, sanitary engineering or plumbing engineering in a college or university, or
5. The applicant has submitted evidence of three (3) year on-the-job training, and 100 hours at an approved trade school.
6. The application must be accompanied by a certificate signed by not fewer than three references that they are personally acquainted with the applicant, and believe him to be of good moral character.
7. The applicant shall also submit a police background check showing no convictions for crimes and no unresolved arrests for crimes, which 1) adversely affect the applicant's ability to perform the duties of the position applied for, 2) are inconsistent with the City's legitimate interest in protecting property and the safety and welfare of individuals and the public, or 3) demonstrate moral character inconsistent with the providing a service to the public.

If the application is approved, the Board shall notify the applicant in writing of such approval stating the place and time of the examination. If the application is disapproved, the Examining Board of Plumbers shall notify the applicant in writing stating the reasons for disapproval, and refund the examination fee paid by the applicant.

Section 9. Journeyman Plumber Examination

The examination will be held quarterly on the first Mondays of January, April, July, October Applications should be submitted at least thirty-one days prior to the examination date.

The examination of the Board shall consist of two parts:

1. Practical portion to determine the applicant's skill as a journeyman plumber
2. A written examination, which shall consist of questions, designed to determine the applicant's fitness and qualifications to engage in the business of plumbing.

Section 10. Journeyman Plumber Qualification

The Examining Board of Plumbers shall issue journeyman plumber's license certificates to those applicants who pass the examination upon payment to said Board of the required license certificate fee. Such license certificates shall be issued in the name of the Examining Board of Plumbers with the seal thereof attached.

Section 11. Annual Journeyman Plumber License Fee

The annual fee for a Journeyman Plumber license in the City of Jamestown is \$20.00. The fees are to be paid in the Plumbing Inspector's office. If an updated photo is necessary, it shall be taken at the time of license renewal and subjected to \$5.00 fee.

Section 12. Apprenticeship

No person shall engage as a plumbing apprentice in the City of Jamestown unless so registered in the Plumbing Inspector's Office. The annual registration fee shall be five (\$5.00). It shall be the duty of the apprentice to keep the City informed as to the length of time employed by each firm. The applicant shall also submit a police background check showing no convictions for crimes and no unresolved arrests for crimes, which 1) adversely affect the applicant's ability to perform the duties of the position applied for, 2) are inconsistent with the City's legitimate interest in protecting property and the safety and welfare of individuals and the public, or 3) demonstrate moral character inconsistent with the providing a service to the public.

All apprenticeship applications are accepted daily by appointment.

Section 13. Out-of-Town Contractors

All out of town contractors must employ a Master Plumber, journeyman, and apprentices licensed in the City of Jamestown before starting any projects within the City. If the contractor employs out of town plumbers who have plumbing licenses' in other jurisdictions of New York State, these applicants may qualify with the permission of the administrative Authority or his designee. No out of State applications will be accepted. A special application fee to take the Master Plumber's and Journeyman examination shall be as follows:

Master Plumber: Three times normal fee (\$150 X 3) \$450 for exam plus \$100 for yearly license.

Journeyman: Five times normal fee (\$20 X 5) \$100 for exam plus \$20 yearly fee.

Section 14. Failure of Test (s) – Journeyman or Master

An applicant who fails to pass the examination for a plumber's license shall not be permitted to apply for another examination until after the expiration of six (6) months following the date of such examination.

Section 15. Master Plumber License Renewal Requirements

All plumbers' license certificates shall expire on January 31st, following the date of issuance. License certificates shall be renewable each year in January. Any license which has expired due to failure to pay the annual fee by January 31st will be deemed suspended and the licensee will not be permitted to perform plumbing work. A penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be added to the fee to reinstate the license. After April 30th,

a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be added to the fee to reinstate the license. The license shall be revoked after July 31st and a new test must be taken along with the submission of \$150 exam fee for reinstatement or the plumber must pay each year that his/her license was not renewed. However, if prior to July 31st, a written request is received by the Plumbing Board asking for a waiver based on an acceptable reason, such as medical, the decision will be determined by the Board. Plumbing work may not be performed while a license is suspended or revoked. Violators will be subject to penalties as outlined in Article II, Section 23.

Section 15a. Retired Master Plumbers

Any Master Plumber over the age of 60 not practicing plumbing but wishing to retain his/her license may do so for the fee of \$30 annually. Any retired plumber wishing to come out of retirement for special jobs will have to pay the \$100 annual fee to be reinstated as active.

Section 15b. Journeyman License Renewal Requirements

All journeyman plumbers' license certificates shall expire on January 31st, following the date of issuance, and are renewable each year in January. Licensee certificates may be renewed annually upon receipt of the payment during the month of January of the required license fee. A license certificate which has expired due to failure to pay the annual fee by January 31st will be deemed suspended and licensee will not be permitted to perform plumbing work until the license is renewed by a personal visit to the plumbing inspector's office. After April 30th, a penalty of \$5 shall be affixed to reinstate the license. The license shall be revoked after July 31st and a new test (along with the submission of \$20 exam fee) must be submitted for reinstatement.

Section 16. Reinstatement – Journeyman and Master Plumber (Military Service)

The Examining Board of Plumbers shall reinstate a license certificate, which expires while a licensee is in the active military service, upon payment of the annual license certificate fee and submission of evidence of such military service. Such license certificate shall be reinstated without examination and without payment of lapsed license renewal fee.

Section 17. Grounds for Revocation of Suspension – Journeyman and Master Plumber

The Examining Board of Plumbers shall revoke or suspend a license certificate after hearing before the Examining Board of Plumbers when the findings show one or more of the following:

1. That the licensee obtained, or conspired with others to obtain, a license certificate by inducing the issuance thereof in consideration of the payment of money, or delivery of any other thing of value, or by and through a willful misrepresentation of facts to the Examining Board of Plumbers
2. That the licensee willfully violated any plumbing ordinance or resolution of the City of Jamestown, or any law of this state regulating plumbing or plumbers.

3. That the licensee has been guilty of negligence or incompetence in the performance of plumbing or in supervision of plumbing performed by apprentice or journeyman employed by a master plumber.
4. That the licensee has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor which 1) adversely affects the ability of the Plumber to perform the duties of his/her position, 2) is inconsistent with the City's legitimate interest in protecting property and the safety and welfare of individuals and the public, or 3) demonstrates moral character which is inconsistent with providing a service to the public.
5. That the licensee has willfully loaned or in any manner transferred his license certificate to another person, to permit such person to engage illegally in plumbing contrary to this ordinance.
6. That the licensee has willfully engaged in conduct not in accord with generally accepted standards of professional conduct for the trade, workmanship, or business.
7. That licensee has worked as a plumber while his/her license is suspended.
8. That a master plumber has allowed a journeyman/apprentice to work in violation of the registration provisions of this article.

Section 18. Discipline Proceedings; Revocation of License – Journeyman and Master Plumber

No license certificate shall be suspended or revoked (except suspension for non-renewal) until a written complaint is filed with the Examining Board of Plumbers stating facts, which if proved, would constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of a license certificate as provided in this ordinance, and until an impartial hearing is held before the Board.

When a written complaint is filed, the Examining Board of Plumbers shall set a date for a hearing, which shall be held in the Plumbing Inspector's Office building. The Board shall send to the licensee charged in the complaint, by personal delivery or registered mail, a correct copy of the complaint, and a notice stating when and where a hearing will be held. Such notice shall be served at least twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

If a license certificate is suspended, the license certificate shall be surrendered to the Examining Board of Plumbers, but it should be returned to the licensee upon the termination of the suspension period.

Section 19. Reinstatement of Revoked License Certificate – Journeyman and Master Plumber

The Examining Board of Plumbers may, in its discretion, reinstate a plumber's license certificate not less than three (3) months and not more than three (3) years after such license certificate has been revoked. Reinstatement by the Examining Board of Plumbers may be ordered only after a hearing before the Examining Board of Plumbers on the petition of the person whose license has been revoked. Whenever a petition for reinstatement is filed either by personal delivery or registered mail to the addresses of

record, serve a copy of the petition and notice on all parties of record when the license certificate in question was revoked, stating when and where the hearing will be held. Such notice shall be serviced at least twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

The Examining Board of Plumbers shall hear all material evidence in support of or against the petition and shall allow or deny the petition for reinstatement of the license certificate. The decision of the Examining Board of Plumbers shall be given to the petitioner and all parties of record, to the address of record, either by personal delivery or registered mail.

If the petition for reinstatement is denied the petitioner may file his petition for rehearing within twenty (20) days after the receipt of the Examining Board of Plumbers' order, whereupon the Examining Board of Plumbers will then order either a denial or allowance of the petition for rehearing. If such petition for rehearing is granted, the entire record shall be referred to the Board and a hearing held not less than twenty (20) days after notice of the time and place of the rehearing to all parties of record. At the conclusion of such rehearing, the Examining Board of Plumbers shall either grant or deny the petition of reinstatement. No more than one rehearing on the same petition for reinstatement shall be allowed, and not more than one petition for reinstatement of the same license certificate shall be considered or heard within one year. If the petition for reinstatement is granted by the Examining Board of Plumbers, it shall issue a plumber's license certificate to the petitioner upon payment of the required annual license fee.

Stenographic Record of Proceedings: The Examining Board of Plumbers shall, at its expense, provide a stenographer, to take testimony and preserve a record of all proceedings at the hearing upon any complaint or petition for reinstatement. The complaint or petition and other documents in the nature of pleadings and motions filed in the case, the transcript of testimony, findings, and orders of the Examining Board of Plumbers, shall constitute the record. The Examining Board of Plumbers shall furnish a transcript of such record to any person, upon payment thereof, of an amount to be determined by the General Manager or his designee.

Proof of Signatures: An order of suspension, revocation or reinstatement of a license certificate, or of dismissal of a complaint or petition, or a certified copy of such order, over the seal of the Examining Board of Plumbers and purporting to be signed by two members of the Examining Board of Plumbers shall be prima facie proof that: (a) such signatures are genuine signatures of the Examining Board of Plumbers, and (b) that such Examining Board of Plumbers and the members thereof are duly appointed and qualified to act.

Section 20. Fees for Reinstatement

- a. The fee for the examination for a Master Plumber's License certificate shall be one hundred fifty (\$150).
- b. The annual Master Plumber's License certificate fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

- c. The fee for the examination for a Journeyman Plumber's license certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- d. The annual Journeyman Plumber's license certificate fee shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

Section 21. Responsibilities of Employing Master Plumbers

It shall be the responsibility of an employing Master Plumber to employ only those apprentices or journeyman who are licensed or registered with the City of Jamestown and to verify the employee's credentials.

Section 22. Insurance

Liability Insurance - All Master Plumbers shall procure and maintain, at their own expense, and without expense to the City, insurance for liability for damages imposed by law, of the kinds and in the amounts hereinafter provided. Said insurance shall be procured through insurance companies authorized to do such business in the State of New York covering all operations under their contracts whether performed by them or employees. Before receiving a Master Plumber Certificate of Competency, and every year thereafter at the time of the renewal of the Master Plumber license, a certificate or certificates of insurance in forms satisfactory to the City showing compliance with this paragraph, shall be furnished to the City to be kept on file in the Plumbing Inspector's Office, which certificate or certificates shall prove that the policy shall not be changed or cancelled until ten (10) days written notice has been given to the City. This requirement shall apply to active Master Plumber license holders; those with inactive status are waived. The kinds and amounts of insurance are as follows:

Workers' Compensation Insurance – A policy covering the obligations of the Master Plumber in accordance with workers' compensation law governing all operations under contract, whether performed by him or his employees.

Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance – The Master Plumber shall have and maintain public general liability and property damage insurance as shall sure and protect him/her, any employees and any subcontractor performing work for him/her, from claims for damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damages which may arise from his operations in an amount of at least \$500,000.00.

Section 23. Penalties for Code Violations

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense, for each and every day or portion thereof, during which, any violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is committed, continued or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation such person shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$150.00 or more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the City Jail for not more than three months, or by both, such fine and imprisonment.

Section 24. Sewer Cleaning Contractors

Effective, July 1, 1992, all sewer-cleaning contractors shall be licensed. Sewer Cleaning Contractors must carry insurance that is equal to that which applies to Master Plumbers, Section 22, Article II. Sewer Cleaning Licenses shall be one hundred (\$100) per year and must have Board approval to register. The scope of their work shall be limited to sewer and drain cleaning only. The applicant shall also submit a police background check showing no convictions for crimes and no unresolved arrests for crimes, which 1) adversely affect the applicant's ability to perform the duties of the position applied for, 2) are inconsistent with the City's legitimate interest in protecting property and the safety and welfare of individuals and the public, or 3) demonstrate moral character inconsistent with the providing a service to the public.

The insurance shall be as set forth in Article II, Section 22.

ARTICLE III – REQUIREMENTS – EXAMINING BOARD

Section 1. Examining Board of Plumbers

The existing Board for the Examination of Plumbers in the City of Jamestown, New York is continued and shall be known as the Examining Board of Plumbers. The Examining Board of Plumbers in the City of Jamestown shall consist of five (5) persons to be appointed by the Mayor, of whom two (2) shall be Master Plumbers of not less than ten (10) years experience in the business of plumbing, and one (1) shall be a Journeyman Plumber of like experience and other members of the Board shall be the Plumbing Inspector of the City of Jamestown or qualified officer performing the duties of such inspector, and the General Manager of the Board of Public Utilities or his designee.

Section 2. Term of Office; vacancies

The term of office of each member of such Board shall be three years, from the first day of January following the appointment. The Mayor of the City of Jamestown shall fill vacancies occurring by expiration of term for a full term. The Mayor shall appoint Board members of the unexpired term when vacancies occur as a result of death, removal, inability to act, or the resignation or removal from City of any member. The Plumbing Inspector and the General Manager or his designee or the officers holding equivalent positions or acting in like capacities designated or appointed by the Mayor as herein provided, shall be ex-officio members of such examining board, when they shall cease to hold their offices by reason or on account of which they were so designated or appointed, their successors shall act on the Board in their stead.

Section 3. Compensation of Members of the Board

The Master and Journeyman plumbers serving as members of the Examining Board of Plumbers shall receive compensation for their services as shall be determined by the elected or appointed members of the Common (City) Council.

Master Plumbers and Journeyman after serving for one year on the Board shall have their fees waived.

Section 4. Qualifications

All members of such Board shall be United States citizens and residents of the City of Jamestown.

Section 5. Powers and Duties

The Examining Board of Plumbers shall have power and it shall be its duty:

- a. To meet at stated intervals; they shall also meet whenever the General Manager or his designee of the City of Jamestown or the Mayor thereof shall in writing request them to do so.
- b. To have jurisdiction over and to examine all persons desiring or intending to engage in the trade or business of plumbing as employing plumbers in the City of Jamestown, to examine persons applying for certificates of competency as employing or master plumbers or as inspectors of plumbing, to determine their fitness and qualifications for conducting the business as

- master plumbers or to act as inspectors of plumbing, and to issue certificates of competency to all such persons who shall be by it determined to be qualified for conducting the business as employing or master plumbers or competent to act as inspectors of plumbing
- c. To formulate, in conjunction with the City of Jamestown, rules regulating the work of drainage and plumbing in this City, including the materials, workmanship and manner of executing such work, and from time to time to add to, amend or alter the same or at their discretion, and to adopt the standard plumbing code recommended by the State of New York.
 - d. To charge and collect from each person applying for examination the sum dictated by the Board and all moneys so collected shall be paid over to the treasury to the City of Jamestown, NY.

Article IV – PLUMBING INSPECTION

Section 1. Plumbing Inspector

To provide for the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance, the position of Plumbing Inspector is hereby created. The Mayor shall appoint or cause by examination, a Plumbing Inspector to assist in the discharge of the duties of this department.

Section 2. Plumbing Inspector Qualifications

The Plumbing Inspector hereafter employed shall be a certified Master Plumber and a resident of the City of Jamestown.

Section 3. Duties of the Plumbing Inspector

The Plumbing Inspector shall maintain public office hours necessary to efficiently administer the provisions of the Code and amendments thereto and shall perform the following duties:

- a.) Require submission of, examine and check plans and specifications, drawings, descriptions and/or diagrams necessary to show clearly the character, kind and extent of plumbing work covered by applications for a permit applied for.
- b.) Collect all fees for permits issued as provided by this Code, issue receipts therefore, and a duplicate copy of which shall be maintained as a record.
- c.) Inspect all plumbing and drainage work authorized by any permits, or unauthorized installation, to assure compliance with provisions of this Code or amendments thereto, approving or condemning said work in whole or in part as conditions require.
- d.) Issue a Certificate of Approval for any work approved by the Plumbing Inspector
- e.) Condemn and reject all worked one or being done or materials used or being used, which do not, in all respects, comply with the provisions of this Code and amendments thereto.
- f.) Order changes in workmanship and/or materials essential to obtain compliance with all provisions of this Code.
- g.) Investigate any construction or work regulated by this Code and issue such notices and orders as provided for elsewhere in this Ordinance.
- h.) Keep a complete record of all the transactions of the Plumbing Inspector.
- i.) Transfer all fees collected by the Plumbing Inspector to the proper authority provided by law to receive such funds.
- j.) Maintain an official register of all persons, firms or corporations lawfully entitled to carry on or engage in the business of plumbing or to work at the trade of plumbing to whom a Plumber's License certificate has been issued in accordance with provisions set forth elsewhere in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Right of Entry

The Plumbing Inspector shall be a code enforcement officer of the City of Jamestown and, upon proper identification has the right of entry during usual business hours or at reasonable times, to inspect any and all buildings and premises within the jurisdiction of this Code in the performance of his/her duties.

Section 5. Dangerous and/or Unsanitary Conditions

- a.) Dangerous or unsanitary plumbing conditions as defined elsewhere in this Code is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- b.) In the event that any unsanitary conditions exist or any construction or work regulated by this Code is dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, a nuisance or a menace to life, health, or property or otherwise in violation of this Code, the General Manager or his designee may require an investigation. Upon determining such information to be fact, shall order any person, firm, or corporation using or maintaining any such condition or responsible for the use of maintenance thereof to discontinue the use or demolish the same as considered necessary for the proper protection of life and health of property. In the case of potable water piping or potable water using appliance or device where a cross connection is found to exist between the potable water and contaminated water and/or waste, the General Manger or his designee shall order any person, firm or corporation supplying potable water to such system, to discontinue supplying potable water thereto until such cross connection is removed and the system is made safe to life, health and/or property.
- c.) Refusal, failure or neglect to comply with any such notice or order shall be considered a violation of this Code.
- d.) When any plumbing system is maintained in violation of this Code and in violation of any notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this section or where a nuisance exists in any building or on a lot on which the building is situated, the General Manager or his designee shall institute any appropriate action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation or nuisance.

Section 6. Violations and Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Code shall be deemed guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a minimum fine of \$150 or a maximum fine of \$1,000, by imprisonment in the City jail for a period of not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each separate day, or any portion thereof, during which any violation of this Code occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as herein provided.

Section 7. Special Installations

An owner, or his agent, may request a variance from the provisions of this code by sending a letter to the Plumbing Inspector stating the requested variance and the reasons thereof. The Plumbing Inspector may recommend that special permission be

granted to an owner or his agent for the installation of plumbing work to be done in a manner differing from the provisions of this code, when, in the judgment of the Plumbing Inspector, it is necessary to do so, due to the peculiarities of the construction of the building.

Section 8. Plumbing Inspector's License Fee

The Plumbing Inspector shall have the Master Plumber's license fee waived until such time as the inspector is no longer employed by the City of Jamestown. However, the first January following departure from the City's service, Article II, Section 20 shall apply.

ARTICLE V – REQUIRED PLUMBING FACILITIES

Where not specifically excepted herein, the City of Jamestown hereby adopts the New York State Plumbing Code for all plumbing work within the City.

Exceptions: Chapter 10, Section 1002.6: Building Traps

Building (house) traps are strictly prohibited within the City of Jamestown and the Board of Public Utilities wastewater collection service areas.

Additions: Chapter 4: Caulking of Fixtures

All water closets, urinals & lavatories in a commercial, educational or health type facility must be caulked with a silicone based product. Only fixtures on a residential property are excluded from this requirement.

ARTICLE VI – SCHEDULE OF PLUMBING FEES

CITY OF JAMESTOWN PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

92 Steele St., Jamestown, NY 14702-0700 ♦ (716) 661-1654 ♦ (716) 661-1617

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please note: All fees include a filing fee, inspection fee and the fee appropriate for the job.

FILING FEES:

One or two family dwellings	\$20.00
All other plans	\$30.00

VARIED FIXTURE FEES:

Per Fixture fee	\$5.00
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For the purpose of computing plumbing permit fees, a fixture shall be defined as automatic clothes washer, bathtubs, bidet, dishwashing machine, drinking fountain, emergency shower and eyewash station, food waste grinders, garbage can washer, laundry tray, lavatories, showers, sinks, urinals water closets, whirlpool baths, healthcare fixtures and equipment, specialty plumbing fixtures, faucets and other fixture fittings, manual food and beverage dispensing equipment, floor sinks and service sinks.

SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION/ REPLACEMENT

From main to house/building	\$50.00
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WATER LINE INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT

From curb stop to house/building	\$50.00
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BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE:

\$50.00

SANITARY SEWER TAPS

One, Two and Three Family Dwellings	\$200.00
Four or more units	Add Additional \$50/each unit
All Other Taps	\$400.00

Buildings having both residential and non-residential use, serviced by one (1) water line shall be assessed fees as established for "All Other Taps"

SANITARY SEWER DYE TEST

\$75.00

Water Tap

Note: Plumbing contractor must excavate minimum of 4 square feet at least 6" below water tap. Fee includes BPU installation, corporation cock, curb stop and street box. Call BPU at 661-1660 for fee information.

Water Meter

The property owner is responsible for damage to the water meter and will be responsible for the meter cost and installation charge. Call the Water Dept. at 661-1660 for fee information.

TESTING WATER METER (*Disputed water bill*)

3/4" Meter or smaller	\$25.00
Larger than 3/4" meter	\$50.00

INSIDE INSPECTIONS (Minimum of 1-2 inspections per job) \$25.00 each

OUTSIDE INSPECTIONS (Minimum of 1 inspection per job) \$25.00 each

OTHER INSPECTIONS (includes demolition of water and sewer line) \$40.00

PLEASE NOTE: All fees will automatically be doubled if an approved permit is not secured before work commences. Call 661-1654 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule inspections. Permit applications may be downloaded at our website: www.jamestownbpu.com.