

## ORDINANCE 237

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of Part IA of Ordinance No. 207 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, approved March 30, 1936, entitled "AN ORDINANCE for the regulation of plumbing work; for the appointment of a plumbing inspector and for the licensing of plumbers in the City of Alexandria, Virginia."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

SECTION 1. That Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of Part IA of Ordinance No. 207 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, be repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

### PART IA Examination—License—Penalty

Section 1. After the adoption of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to do any plumbing work or to engage in the work of plumbing or gas fitting in Alexandria City unless he is or they are licensed as a master plumber as hereinafter provided or unless he is or they are a qualified journeyman plumber employed and paid by a master plumber and work according to direction and under the personal supervision of a licensed master plumber or unless he is a duly registered plumber's apprentice employed and paid by a master plumber and works under the direction and supervision of a licensed master plumber or a licensed journeyman plumber.

Section 3. Licenses as master plumbers or as journeyman plumbers shall be granted by the plumbing board after such written and/or oral examination or both to determine the fitness of such applicants for such licenses.

Section 4. The Plumbing Board shall consist of the City Manager,

City Engineer, Building Inspector, Health Officer and the Plumbing Inspector by virtue of their offices and three citizens who shall be appointed by the Council, one citizen shall be a master plumber, one a journeyman plumber and one a representative of the public who shall have a comprehensive knowledge of the theory and practice of plumbing. The terms of the citizen members shall be two years or until successors is appointed. The Board shall select its own chairman. Five members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be held at least monthly or at the call of the chairman. The Plumbing Board members shall serve without pay.

Section 5. Applicants for license as master plumber shall be 21 years of age, and shall be examined as to their knowledge of the practice of the trade of plumbing, their knowledge of the requirements of regulations governing the installation of plumbing in Alexandria City, their ability to lay out and plan plumbing work, their knowledge of physics and mechanics in so far as they apply to plumbing design and construction, and they shall generally demonstrate to the Board their fitness to properly and intelligently carry on the business of a master or employing or directing plumber in Alexandria City.

Applicants for licenses as journeyman plumber shall be 21 years of age and shall be examined as to their knowledge of the practice of the trade of plumbing, their knowledge of the requirements of regulations governing the installation of plumbing in the City of Alexandria, their knowledge of physics and mechanics in so far as they are applied to plumbing design and construction and they shall generally demonstrate to the board their fitness to properly perform and execute plumbing work.

Plumbers apprentices and helpers shall be registered with the plumbing inspector within fifteen days after their employment.

Section 6. In case of failure of an applicant, he shall be eligible for re-examination one month after such failure, but if he fails at such re-examination, then he will be ineligible for examination until a further lapse of three months.

Section 8. The license period shall be the City fiscal year. The first license shall date from the first day of the month during which an applicant for license shall satisfactorily pass the prescribed examination and shall end, December 31, following. The fee for first license as master plumber shall be six (\$6.00) dollars for any part of the first license period and shall be paid at the time of issuance. Renewals shall be for the full City fiscal year, and the fee therefor shall be five (\$5.00). Application for renewal shall be accompanied by the license fee, and shall be made in person before expiration of prior license. The Plumbing Board shall have power to refuse the renewal of any license allowed to lapse and may in such case require re-application for a new license to be issued only after passing examination as heretofore provided. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of annual licenses of journeyman plumbers.

Section 10. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to display a sign stating or implying that he or they are carrying on the business of plumbing work, or to advertise by means of business cards, stationery or any publication, claim orally to a prospective customer, or otherwise indicate that they are in the business of plumbing or are offering to do plumbing, unless they are licensed as Master Plumbers as provided.

Section 12. A Master Plumber's license shall not be loaned or extended to cover plumbing work done or contracted for by any person other than the licensee.

Any license so prostituted shall be subject to suspension or revocation as provided hereafter.

No licensed Master Plumber shall work as a journeyman plumber for another Master Plumber and at the same time carry on business as Master Plumber.

Section 14. The Plumbing Board shall have authority to suspend temporarily any master plumber's or journeyman plumber's license for failure to correct faulty work, doing plumbing work without permit or for other good and sufficient cause; or may revoke or annul any such license or permit issued for repeated failure to comply with instructions of the Inspector of Plumbing, repeatedly undertaking plumbing work without permit, or other sufficient reasons, provided that no such license shall be revoked until after a public hearing by the Board (at which the licensee may be represented by counsel) and by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved this 11th day of May, 1937.

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Mayor.