

## Ordinance 465

AN ORDINANCE to amend and re-ordain Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, all relating to plumbing and gas fitting.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 4, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4. When lawful to engage in plumbing work and gas fitting work.

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any plumbing work or to engage in the work of plumbing or gas fitting in the city unless he is licensed as a master plumber as hereinafter provided or unless he is a qualified journeyman plumber employed and paid by a master plumber and works according to the 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.

It shall be lawful, however, for a master gas fitter, licensed as hereinafter provided, or a journeyman gas fitter, qualified as hereinafter provided and employed by a master gas fitter and who works under the direction and personal supervision of a master gas fitter, or a duly registered gas fitter's apprentice employed by a master gas fitter and who works under the direction and personal supervision of a master gas fitter, or a qualified journeyman gas fitter, to engage in the work of gas fitting as defined by this chapter.

Section 2. That Section 5, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 5, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5 Unlawful to employ person not licensed as a master plumber or as a master gas fitter.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, or agent or any person having any authority or duty in connection with any building or premises, to employ any person to do any plumbing or gas fitting work in any such building or premises unless such person is licensed as a master plumber.

It shall be lawful, however, for any such owner, lessee, agent or person to employ a licensed master gas fitter to do gas fitting work, as defined by this chapter, in any such building or premises.

Section 3. That Section 7, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 7. Examinations.

Licenses as master plumbers or as journeyman plumbers shall be granted by the plumbing board after a written or an oral examination, or both, to determine the fitness of such applicants for such licenses.

Licenses as master gas fitters or as journeyman gas fitters shall be granted by the plumbing board after an examination by like method to determine the fitness of applicants for such license.

Section 4. That Section 8, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 8. Qualifications of applicant for licenses; registration of apprentices and helpers.

Applicants for licenses as master plumbers 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, 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 the city.

Applicants for licenses as journeymen plumbers 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, 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.

Applicants for licenses as master gas fitters shall be 21 years of age, and shall be examined as to their knowledge of the practice of the trade of gas fitting, including domestic hot water heating insulation work, their knowledge of the requirements of regulations in the city governing the installation of piping systems, fixtures, appliances and devices for conveyance and consumption of gas for power, refrigeration, heating, illumination or other purposes, their ability to lay out and plan gas fitting work, their knowledge of physics and mechanics in so far as they apply to gas fitting design and construction, and they shall generally demonstrate to the board their fitness to properly and intelligently carry on the business of a master, employing or directing gas fitter in the city.

Applicants for licenses as journeymen gas fitters shall be 21 years of age and shall be examined as to their knowledge of the practice of the trade of gas fitting, including domestic hot water heating insulation work, their knowledge of the requirements of regulations in the city governing the installation of piping systems, fixtures, appliances and devices for conveyance and consumption of gas for power, refrigeration, heating, illumination or other purposes, their ability to lay out and plan gas fitting work, their knowledge of physics and mechanics in so far as they apply to gas fitting design and construction, and they shall generally demonstrate to the board their fitness to properly perform and execute gas fitting work.

Gas fitters, gas fitter apprentices and helpers shall be registered with the plumbing inspector within fifteen days after their employment.

Section 5. That Section 10, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 10. Fees for examinations.

The fee for the first examination of master and journeymen plumbers shall be \$5.00. The fee for the first examination of master and journeymen gas fitters shall be \$2.50. Such fees shall accompany the application, but no fee shall be required for subsequent re-examinations.

Section 6. That Section 11, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 11. Period of licenses; fees for licenses and renewals.

The license period shall be the fiscal year of the city. The first license shall date from the first day of the month during which the applicant for license shall satisfactorily pass the prescribed examination and shall end December 31, following. The fee for the first license as a master plumber shall be \$6.00 for any part of the first license period and shall be paid at the time of issuance. The fee for the first license as a master gas fitter shall be \$3.00 for any part of the first license period and shall be paid at the time of issuance. Renewals shall be for the full fiscal year of the city and the fee for the master plumber's renewal shall be \$5.00 and the fee for the master gas fitter's renewal shall be \$2.50. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the license fee, and shall be made in person before the expiration of a prior license. The plumbing board shall have power to refuse the renewal of any license allowed to lapse and it may in such case require re-application for a new license to be issued only after passing an examination as hereinbefore provided. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of an annual license of journeymen plumbers or journeymen gas fitters.

Section 7. That Section 12, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Bonds of master plumbers and master gas fitters.

On receiving a license, and before engaging in business, every master plumber and every master gas fitter shall give bond with an approved surety company in the sum of \$1,000.00 payable to the city conditioned upon the faithful performance of and compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter. The bond shall be approved by the city attorney and filed with the city auditor.

In lieu of individual bonds for each master plumber, or master gas fitter, a joint bond from any association of master plumbers, or master gas fitters, as the case may be, bonding each and every member as above, may be accepted at the discretion of the plumbing board, not less in aggregate amount than \$10,000.00.

Section 8. That Section 13, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 13. Unlawful to advertise as plumber or as gas fitter unless licensed.

It shall be unlawful for any person to display a sign stating or implying that he is carrying on the business of plumbing work, or to advertise by means of business cards, stationery or any publication, or to claim orally to a prospective customer, or otherwise indicate, that he is in the business of plumbing or is offering to do plumbing, unless he is licensed as a master plumber as provided herein.

It shall be unlawful for any person to display a sign stating or implying that he is carrying on the business of gas fitting work, or to advertise by means of business cards, stationery or any publication, or to claim orally to a prospective customer, or otherwise indicate that he is in the business of gas fitting or is offering to do gas fitting, unless he is licensed as a master gas fitter as provided herein.

Section 9. That Section 14, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 14. Licensing of firms or corporations as master plumbers or as master gas fitters.

A firm or corporation may receive a license as a master plumber provided a bona fide member of the firm or the owner of 20% of the stock of the corporation is licensed as above provided; but all of the plumbing work done by the firm must be executed by, or under the immediate personal supervision of the licensed member.

A firm or corporation may receive a license as a master gas fitter, provided a bonafide member of the firm or the owner of 20% of the stock of the corporation is licensed as above provided; but all of the gas fitting work done by the firm must be executed by, or under\* the immediate personal supervision of a licensed member.

Section 10. That Section 15, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940, and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 15. Misuse of master plumber's or master gas fitter's license.

A master plumber's license shall not be loaned or extended to cover plumbing work done or contracted for by any other person than the licensee. No master gas fitter's license shall be loaned or extended to cover gas fitting work or contracted for by any person other than the licensee.

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

No licensed master plumber shall work as a journeyman plumber for another master plumber and at the same time carry on business as a master plumber. No licensed master gas fitter shall work as a journeyman gas fitter for another master gas fitter and at the same time carry on the business as a master gas fitter.

Section 11. That Section 16, of Chapter 27, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 16. Suspension and revocation of licenses.

The plumbing board shall have authority to suspend temporarily any master plumber's license, journeyman plumber's license, master gas fitter's license or journeyman gas fitter's license for failure to correct faulty work, doing work without a permit, or for any 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 work without permit, or other sufficient reasons, provided that no such license shall be revoked except by a two thirds vote of the board, after a public hearing by the board, at which the licensee may be represented by counsel.

Section 12. That this ordinance shall take effect on the day after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.

William T. Wilkins  
Mayor

July 2, 1946