

ARTICLE 1705

Requirements and Qualifications to Obtain Licensing
to Perform Plumbing Work Within the
City of Bethlehem

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CROSS REFERENCES

Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code - See BLDG. Art. 1701
Mechanical food waste disposals - See BLDG. Art. 1717
Plumbing or plumbing fixtures - See BLDG. Art. 1733
Required plumbing facilities in rooming houses - See BLDG. Art. 1735

1705.01 PLUMBERS EXAMINING BOARD

(a) Membership

There is hereby established a Plumbers Examining Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to consist of five (5) members. One member shall be a registered master plumber with at least five (5) years of experience as a plumbing contractor. One member shall be a journeyman plumber with at least five (5) years experience as a journeyman. One member shall be a registered professional engineer with at least five (5) years experience in the field of plumbing design. One member shall be a layman who is a voting taxpayer in the City of Bethlehem. One member shall be a plumbing inspector who shall act as secretary to the Board and shall vote only in the event of a tie.

(b) Terms

Each member, except the plumbing inspector, shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of four (4) years except at the formation of the Board when appointments shall be made for 1,2,3 and 4 years respectively so that only one (1) member is appointed annually thereafter.

Upon the death or resignation of a member the Mayor shall appoint a successor, equally qualified to fill the unexpired term.

Members may be reappointed to the Board for additional terms.

(c) Organization

The Board shall meet and organize within thirty (30) days after the passage of this Ordinance and shall elect a Chairman who shall conduct meetings of the Board. Thereafter, the Board shall meet at such intervals as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties, but not less than twice in any one calendar year.

At the first meeting in any calendar year the Board shall reorganize and elect a chairman to serve for the ensuing year. Members of the Board shall be paid a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each attendance or meeting held in connection with official business of the Board.

(d) Duties

It shall be the duty of the Board to establish standards and procedures for the qualification, examination and licensing of Master and Journeyman plumbers and approve appropriate licenses to each person who meets the qualifications thereof, and successfully passes the examination given by the Board.

The Plumber's Examining Board shall schedule an Annual date for examinations for licenses.

Examination shall be based upon the rules and regulations contained in this Code, the basic laws of hydraulics as applied to the plumbing industry, and the knowledge of mathematics as applied to a practical utilization of the foregoing requirements.

It shall be the duty of the Board to supervise enforcement and interpretation of this Code by the Plumbing Inspector and to suggest amendments or revisions of this Code, as it deems necessary.

It shall be the duty of the Board to receive complaints from persons who are aggrieved by decisions of the Plumbing Inspector, to set a date for a formal hearing of the complaint and to rule upon the matter, provided such ruling is within a reasonable interpretation of this Code.

Appeals from decisions of the Board shall be made to the Board of Appeals.

1705.02 DEFINITIONS

(a) Master Plumber

A master plumber is a person who regularly engages in and works at the plumbing trade, who employs and directs journeyman plumbers and apprentice plumbers, and who is entitled to secure permits for the installation or repair of plumbing.

(b) Journeyman Plumber

A journeyman plumber is a person who regularly engages in and works at the plumbing trade and is employed and supervised by a licensed Master Plumber.

(c) Apprentice Plumber

An apprentice plumber is a person who is learning the plumbing trade and is employed and supervised by a licensed Master Plumber.

1705.03 RECIPROCITY

Master Plumbers, registered in First, Second or Third Class Cities of Pennsylvania, but not registered in the City of Bethlehem who desire to engage in plumbing within the City, shall without examination secure the necessary plumbing permit before engaging upon said work.

1705.04 OWNER PERFORMANCE

(a) Single Family Dwellings. Any permit required by the Ordinance may be issued to a bona fide owner, occupant of a single family dwelling, which is to be occupied exclusively for living purposes, to do any work regulated by this Code on the said dwelling and on the condition that the said owner personally purchase all material and perform all labor in connection herewith.

1705.05 FEES

(a) Examination Fees:

Master's Exam Fee	\$50.00
Journeyman's Exam Fee	\$30.00
Special Exam Tests	\$250.00

(b) License Fees:

Master Plumber (annual)	\$75.00
Journeyman (annual)	\$50.00

(Ord. 4148 - Passed 10/1/02; Ord. 4257 - Passed 6/15/04)

NOTE: Article 1705, International Plumbing Code (1995), of the Codified Ordinances, was deleted in its entirety and replaced with this new Article 1705, Requirements and Qualifications to Obtain Licensing to Perform Plumbing Work Within the City of Bethlehem.

ARTICLE 1705

International Plumbing Code

- 1705.01 Adoption.
- 1705.02 Additions, Deletions, and Modifications; Fees; Penalty. (IPC 108.4)

CROSS REFERENCES

International Building Code - See BLDG. Art. 1701
ICC Electrical Code - See BLDG. Art. 1703
Mechanical food waste disposals - See BLDG. Art. 1717
Plumbing or plumbing fixtures - See BLDG. Art. 1733
Required plumbing facilities in rooming houses -
See BLDG. Art. 1735

NOTE: This Article was deleted in its entirety and incorporated in new Article 1701, Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. (Ord. 4254 - Passed 6/15/04)