

Chapter 11

PLUMBING CODE

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11.01 PLUMBING DEFINED.

Plumbing for the purpose of this chapter is hereby defined as follows:

- (1) As defined in sec. 145.01(10) Wis. Stats.
- (2) The construction, connection to or alteration of any drain, soil or waste pipe to carry domestic sewage, storm water or industrial waste from the foundation walls of any building to the sewer lateral at the curb or other disposal terminal including the private sewage disposal or treatment plant. This definition does not include minor repairs to faucets and the removal of stoppages in soil or waste pipes.

11.02 STATE CODE ADOPTED.

The provisions and regulations of Wisconsin State Statutes, chapter 145 and COMM 81-87 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code are hereby made a part of this chapter by reference, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the City of Chilton, Wisconsin.

11.03 DUTIES OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

The Plumbing Inspector shall have control of the supervision and inspection of plumbing and shall faithfully enforce all laws, ordinances and rules in relation thereto. He shall see that the construction, reconstruction and alteration of all plumbing and plumbing ventilation hereafter installed in all structures in the City shall conform to the laws and ordinances of the City and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health and shall make all inspections required thereby and in the manner therein set forth.

11.04 APPLICATIONS, PERMITS AND RECORDS.

The Plumbing Inspector shall prepare suitable forms for the application and permits required, and shall keep in his office a proper daily record of all of the transactions of his office and annual report covering the same with the Common Council.

The annual report shall cover the period closing December 31 of each year, and be filed on or before April 1 next thereafter, and shall show the total amount of plumbing fees collected, and a summary of the work of his office during said period.

11.05 PERMIT REQUIRED.

No plumbing, except for the repairing of leaks or stoppages, shall be done in the City without first obtaining a permit therefore from the Plumbing Inspector. Application for a permit shall be submitted to the Inspector for approval, and before approving the Inspector may require the applicant to file, with such application, detailed plans and specifications of the work to be done.

11.06 PERMIT FEES.

- (1) PERMIT ISSUANCE. (Ord. #1087 4/17/12)

The person applying for a plumbing permit shall complete an application and submit all fees as established by resolution to the City of Chilton before the permit is issued. Failure to obtain a plumbing permit before commencing with work will result in doubling the permit fee.

(2) FEES PAID TO CITY CLERK.

All moneys received for permits pursuant to this chapter shall be paid into the City treasury for use in the general fund. The City Clerk shall keep an account of same and make a report thereof once a year to the Common Council.

11.07 COVENANT REQUIRED.

No permit for the laying of any plumbing in any of the streets in the City shall be issued unless the applicant, and the principal contractor, if any, in their application for such permit, shall covenant and agree that they will make and refill the necessary excavations therefore in the manner required by this chapter and that they will indemnify the City for and save it harmless from any and all claims for damage arising from such work until the same shall have been inspected and accepted in writing by the Plumbing Inspector.

11.08 INSPECTIONS.

No person shall interfere in any way with the work of inspection or permit any plumbing to be used until it has been inspected and approved by the Plumbing Inspector, unless special permission therefore is given by the Common Council.

11.09 REPORTS.

All plumbers/home owner shall make a full report for all work completed under any permit granted therefore. This report shall be made by the plumber/home owner who obtained the permit within 48 hours after the completion of the work and shall be filed in the office of the Inspector.

11.10 REPORT OF EXISTING UNSANITARY INSTALLATIONS.

Whenever it shall be reported to the County Health Officer by the Plumbing Inspector that the plumbing in any building is contrary to the ordinances of the City, or is of faulty construction and liable to breed disease or sickness, or is a menace to health, or when upon complaint made to the County Health Officer by any person that the plumbing in any building is defective as aforesaid, the County Health Officer shall direct the Plumbing Inspector to examine all the plumbing in the building and report his findings in writing suggesting such changes as are necessary to put the same in proper sanitary condition. The County Health Officer thereupon shall direct such changes to be made, as he deems necessary, and fix a time for doing the same. Any person refusing to comply therewith shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter.

11.11 RAIN AND STORM WATER DRAINS.

No person shall connect any storm or surface water drain to the sanitary sewer.

11.12 ADEQUATE FLUSH FOR DRAINS.

No person shall connect any water closet with any drain or sewer unless means are provided and employed for the abundant and adequate flushing of the same with clear water every time it is used. Every such closet or similar appliance shall be connected with the City or adequate supply system.

11.13 STREET OPENINGS.

See Section 5.04 of Municipal Code.

11.135 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL. (#544 1/6/81)

(1) A cross connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the City of Chilton water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

(2) No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the City of Chilton may enter the supply or distribution system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the City and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR 811.09 (2), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross connections with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Common Council and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(4) That upon presentation of credentials, the plumbing inspector shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the City of Chilton for cross connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under s. 66.0119 Wisconsin Statutes. On request, the owner, lessee or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property.

(5) The City of Chilton is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service

shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in subsection 6. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

(6) If it is determined by the City of Chilton that a cross connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety or welfare and requires immediate action, and a written finding to that effect is filed with the clerk of the City of Chilton and delivered to the customer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

11.14 PENALTY.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in 20.04 of this Code.