

## ORDINANCE #28

### **PLUMBING INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION**

An ordinance governing the construction, installation and inspection of plumbing in the Village of Cochrane.

The Village Board of the Village of Cochrane do ordain as follows:

1. Plumbing for the purpose of this ordinance is hereby defined as follows: The placing, installing, construction or connection of all piping, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with the water supply and drainage systems within a building and to point from three (3) to five (5) feet outside of the building and the placing, installing, construction or connection of any drain or waste pipe carrying domestic sewage from a point within three (3) to five (5) feet outside of the foundation walls of any building to the street line, and all operations incidental thereto.
2. State Code: The provisions and regulations of the Wisconsin State Plumbing Code adopted by the State Board of Health of Wisconsin are hereby made a part of this ordinance by reference, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the Village of Cochrane.
3. Plumbing Supervisor: There is hereby created the position plumbing supervisor who shall be appointed by the Village Board. He shall perform such duties as are provided for in Section 145.05 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall make quarterly reports to the Village Board.
4. Authority of Plumbing Supervisor :
  - A. The plumbing supervisor shall have authority, which is hereby granted, to enter all buildings in the Village of Cochrane in the performance of his duties between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily and any person who shall willfully or knowingly resist or obstruct the plumbing supervisor in the performance of his duties shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance.
  - B. The plumbing supervisor is authorized to refuse to approve any application for a plumbing permit to any person who has not complied with a lawful order of the plumbing supervisor. The issuing and approving of a plumbing permit may be withheld until such time as a lawful order has been complied with. However the person refused such permit may appeal within ten days to the State Plumbing Inspector whose decision in the controversy shall govern.

- C. It shall be the duty of the plumber in charge to notify the plumbing supervisor whenever any work is ready for inspection (i.e. soil, vent, underground drain, final inspection). All plumbing work shall be left exposed until such time as the supervisor has completed his examination and inspection. When in the opinion of the supervisor a test is necessary, he may require a water or air test on any part or the entire installation.
5. State Plumbing License Required: No person shall carry on the business of plumbing or do or perform any such work until he shall have first obtained a license so to do from the proper authorities of the State of Wisconsin, provided that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person from removing stoppages in drain pipes or repairing valves or faucets.
6. Permit for Each Installation:
- A. No plumbing or drain laying or service pipe laying shall be done, except in cases of repairing valves, faucets or leaks or stoppages, without a permit therefor from the plumbing supervisor and without the payment of the inspection fees as provided for in this ordinance and no permit shall be granted except to a master plumber.
  - B. The applicant for a permit shall file with the plumbing supervisor his application and plans showing the work to be done. If the said inspector shall approve the application so filed he shall issue to the applicant a statement showing the inspection fees to be paid for such permit. Upon payment of said fees he shall issue a permit for the work set forth in the application.
7. Inspection Fees: An inspection fee of seventy-five (75) cents shall be paid for each fixture installed including sinks, water closets, baths, wash basins, laundry tubs, urinals, cellar, floor or sub-soil drains, bar or soda fountains, sanitary bubblers, catch basins or other similar receptacles, or similar installations to a waste opening. A fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be paid for each permit to connect with a public sewer and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each permit to connect with a public service (water) pipe. For the inspection of any items not included in the above list and including changes and alterations in house drains, relaying existing sewer lines, relaying existing water lines, the inspection fee shall be one dollar per hour of fraction thereof for the time of the inspector necessarily and actually spent in making such inspection.
8. Permit for Work in Streets:
- A. No avenue, street, alley or other public place shall be opened for the purpose of laying down any drain pipe or service pipe or doing any plumbing work therein whatever without the express permission of the Village Board.

B. Before a permit may be issued for excavating for plumbing in any public street, way or alley, the person applying for such permit shall have executed unto the Village of Cochrane and deposited with the treasurer of the Village of Cochrane, a bond to be approved by the Village Treasurer, in the sum of \$1000, conditioned that he will perform faithfully all work with due care and skill, and in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of plumbing. The bond shall state that the person will indemnify and save harmless the Village of Cochrane and the owner of the premises against all damages, costs, expenses, outlays and claims of every nature and kind arising out of unskillfulness or negligence on his part in connection with plumbing or excavating for plumbing as prescribed in this ordinance. Such bond shall remain in force and must be executed for a period of one year, except that on such expiration it shall remain in force as to all penalties, claims, and demands that may have accrued thereunder prior to such expiration. No permit shall be issued before such bond is so filed and executed by the person applying for the permit.

9. Street Openings:

- A. No openings in the streets, alleys, or other public ways to install plumbing will be permitted when the ground is frozen, except for when necessary. In opening any street or other public way, all materials for paving or blasting shall be removed with the least possible injury or loss and together with the excavated material from the trenches shall be placed where the least practicable inconvenience to the public will be caused, and admit of free passage of water along the gutters.
- B. All openings made in the public streets or alleys in accordance with permission given pursuant hereto shall be enclosed with sufficient barriers, and red lamps or flares shall be maintained upon the same at night and all other necessary precautions to guard the public effectually against all other accidents from the beginning to the completion of the work shall be taken. Sewers and drains may be laid only on condition that the excavator or plumber is bonded as herein before mentioned for all damages that may result from his neglect of any necessary precaution against all accidents to persons or property of others.
- C. In opening a trench on any street or lot, the sidewalk materials, sand, gravel and earth, or whatever material is removed or penetrated, must be replaced in precisely the same condition and relation to the remainder as it was before. All rubbish must be removed at once, leaving the street or sidewalk in perfect repair and must be maintained for a period of one year thereafter. All gas, water, electric and telephone lines or conduits must be protected from injury or settling in a manner satisfactory to the plumbing supervisor.

- D. When any excavation is made in a permanently paved road or street or in any road or street which is to be permanently paved, all clay or hard pan must be removed and the excavation back filled with sand or gravel thoroughly wet and consolidated. Any tunnel in such pavement shall be filled with concrete subject to the approval of the plumbing supervisor.
10. Making Connections with Main Sewer: Connections to the Main Sewer line shall only be made in the presence of the plumbing supervisor and in the manner in which he shall so direct. All such connections shall be made at the expense of the plumber and to the satisfaction of the plumbing supervisor. No plumber shall allow any earth, sand or other solid material to pass, flow, run into any main sewer while cutting into or making any connection therewith or while doing any work in laying, altering or repairing any drain connected with the main sewer.
11. Water Meters:
- A. Whenever a water tap is made to any water main and the service pipe is extended beyond the property line, a water meter shall be installed immediately in the following manner.
  - B. The meter shall be installed within the basement wall enclosure within one foot of the stop and waste valve and within one foot a second stop and waste valve shall be placed on the discharge or outlet end of the meter.
  - C. The plumber who makes the service extension shall see that proper notice is given to the Village Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the time when the piping is ready for the meter. The meters shall be installed by the water department who shall immediately give notice to the Village Clerk after the meter is installed.
  - D. Meters shall be maintained by the water department except that the owner of the premises shall be liable for all repairs made necessary by freezing or negligence on the part of himself or family or tenants. All meters shall be sealed by the water department and the seals shall be broken only by the water department. Meters shall not be removed from any premises where attached except by order of the Village Clerk and all the water used on any premises where meters are attached must pass through said meter.
12. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed: All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Village of Cochrane conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
13. Penalty: Any plumber or any other person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit a penalty of not less than three dollars (\$3.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50) and in default of payment of such forfeiture may be imprisoned until such forfeiture is paid but not to exceed 30 days. In addition no permit shall be issued any violator until after such fine has been paid.

14. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1955.

/s/ Earl Blank  
President

/s/ Kermit Spieth  
Secretary

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