

CHAPTER 1317
Gas Piping Code

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1317.01 FUEL GAS CODE ADOPTED.

There is hereby adopted by The City of Springfield, Ohio, the 2006 International Fuel Gas Code, as published by the International Code Council, which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out in this Chapter.
(Ord. 10-97. Passed 03-16-10.)

1317.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall install new gas line, repair or alter a gas line, install a gas powered appliance or replace a gas powered appliance without first filing with the Chief Building Official an application in writing and obtaining a formal gas piping installation permit.

(b) Every gas piping installation permit issued by the Chief Building Official under the provisions of this Gas Piping Code shall have the signature of the Chief Building Official affixed thereto; but this shall not prevent the Chief Building Official from authorizing a subordinate to affix the Chief Building Official's signature.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.03 COMPLETION OF WORK ALREADY AUTHORIZED.

Nothing in this Gas Piping Code shall require changes in the plans, construction or designated use of a building or structure or portion thereof for which a lawful permit has been

heretofore issued or which has been otherwise lawfully authorized, and the construction of which has been actually begun within ninety (90) days after this Gas Piping Code becomes effective, and if the entire building or structure shall be completed, as authorized, within one (1) year thereafter.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.04 APPLICATION FORM.

An application for a gas piping installation permit shall be submitted in such form as the Chief Building Official may prescribe. Such application shall contain the full names and addresses of the applicant and of the owner, and, if the owner is a corporate body, of its responsible officer. The application shall also describe briefly the proposed work and shall give such additional information as may be required by the Chief Building Official for an intelligent understanding of the work proposed.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.06 AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION.

Nothing in this Gas Piping Code shall prohibit the filing of amendments to an application or to a diagram or other record accompanying same, at any time before the completion of the work for which the gas piping installation permit was issued. Such amendments shall be filed with and shall be deemed a part of the original application; provided that such amendment was made prior to final testing of the permitted work. Otherwise, a new application for such alteration shall be made and a new gas piping installation permit shall be secured.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.07 DIAGRAM TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.

Applications for permits shall be accompanied by a one-line diagram of the proposed work, showing gas pipe size and length, BTU's per gas powered appliance, gas line operating pressure and such other information as the Chief Building Official may require.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.08 ACTION ON APPLICATION.

The Chief Building Official shall examine, or cause to be examined, applications for gas line installation permits, within a reasonable time after filing. If, after examination, he finds no objections to the same and it appears that the proposed installation, alteration or repair will be safe, he shall approve such application and issue a gas piping installation permit for the proposed work as soon as practicable. If examination reveals otherwise, he shall reject such application, note his findings in a written report to be attached to the application and deliver a copy to the applicant.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.09 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

The Chief Building Official may revoke a gas piping installation permit or approval issued in the event there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or diagrams on which the permit or approval was based.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.10 COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT.

(a) All work performed under a permit issued by the Chief Building Official shall conform to the approved application, approved diagrams, and approved amendments thereto and all such work shall be performed only by a registered gas piping installer holding a valid gas piping installer's registration issued under this Chapter. The gas piping installation permit holder is responsible for scheduling all applicable inspections to identify whether work complies with Gas Piping Code requirements. No work for which a gas piping installation permit has been

issued shall be concealed without prior inspection and/or approval by a City inspector. The registered gas piping installer shall provide the equipment necessary to test work: to wit, those installations, alterations, replacements and repairs authorized by the gas piping installation permit. Testing shall be performed in the presence of the City's inspector and shall be performed with either a Kuhlman gas pressure gage or a Magnehelic gas pressure gage. In the event test results are obtained with both a Kuhlman gas pressure gage and a Magnehelic gas pressure gage, the results produced by the Kuhlman gas pressure gage shall govern.

(b) No gas line or gas powered appliance shall be put into service until it has first been inspected by a City inspector and has been approved; however, a gas service line and construction related gas powered appliances may be placed in temporary service during construction operations without obtaining an inspection and approval by a City inspector, provided that a gas piping installation permit has been obtained for the gas line.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.11 PERMIT EXPIRATION; EXTENSIONS.

A gas piping installation permit expires on the last day of the twelfth month following the date of issuance of the gas piping installation permit. All installation, alterations, replacements and repairs authorized by a gas piping installation permit must be completed, a final inspection conducted, and all work approved prior to expiration of the gas piping installation permit. Two extensions of a permit shall be granted for six months each, if requested by the owner or permit holder at least ten days in advance of the expiration date of the gas piping installation permit and upon payment of a fee for each extension of seventy five dollars (\$75.00).
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.12 POSTING OF PERMIT.

A copy of the gas piping installation permit shall be kept on the premises for public inspection during the prosecution of the work and until the completion and final testing of the same.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.13 STOP WORK ORDER.

Whenever, in the opinion of the Chief Building Official, by reason of directive or illegal work in violation of a provision or requirement of this Gas Piping Code, or the continuance of work is contrary to public safety and welfare, he shall order, in writing, all further work to be stopped and may require suspension of all work until the condition in violation has been corrected.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.14 REGISTRATION OF GAS PIPING INSTALLERS.

(a) No person shall perform work for which a gas piping installation permit is required unless such person holds a valid gas piping installer's registration issued under this Chapter.

(b) Any person desiring a gas piping installer's registration shall make written application therefor with the Chief Building Official. Every application shall be on forms prescribed by the Chief Building Official; shall furnish all information and data required thereby. No application shall be required of any person desiring to renew a gas piping installer's registration previously issued or renewed provided that the information and data contained in such person's application therefor is correct or, if not, is corrected by or at the direction of such person and that all other provisions of this Chapter are complied with.

(c) No gas piping installer's registration shall be issued or continue in effect unless the applicant shall give evidence that the following items are valid and remain in effect during the duration of the gas piping installer's registration:

- (1) The payment of a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fee upon application for a gas piping installer's registration; and the payment of a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fee for each renewal thereof. Payment shall be made to the City Treasurer.
 - (2) Proof that the applicant holds either:
 - (A) a valid and unexpired Plumbing License issued by the State of Ohio pursuant to Chapter 4740 of the Ohio Revised Code or
 - (B) a valid and unexpired H/M-1P Install/Replace Gas Service D.O.T. certification issued pursuant to 49 CFR Part 192.
 - (3) Comprehensive general liability insurance, including completed operations, with a minimum limit of liability of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability. Such insurance shall provide explosion hazard coverage ("x" exclusion deleted). Applicants performing excavation work shall also provide both collapse and underground hazard coverage ("c" and "u" exclusions deleted).
 - (4) Proof of Workers' Compensation coverage, if coverage is required by the State of Ohio.
 - (5) City income tax number and social security number.
 - (6) Photo identification of the applicant.
 - (7) The execution by such applicant of a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with sureties thereon to the approval of the City Manager. Such bond shall be conditioned to save the City and its inhabitants harmless from all loss or damage of whatsoever nature that may result from any violation by the registered gas piping installer and/or his authorized agents of any law, ordinance or rule governing work contemplated by the terms of such gas piping installer's registration which are then in force or thereafter established by proper authority.
 - (8) A Police Records check showing no convictions for crimes involving dishonesty for the preceding five (5) years.
- (d) The Chief Building Official shall issue a certificate of gas piping installer's registration to any person who has complied with the provisions of this section. Every certificate of gas piping installer's registration issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the same has been issued or last renewed unless otherwise renewed prior thereto in accordance with the provisions of this section. No fee required under the provisions of this section after payment thereof to the City shall be refunded for any cause whatsoever.
- (e) Holders of a certificate of gas piping installer's registration may apply to renew their certificate of gas piping installer's registration during the period November 15 through December 31 of the year in which the certificate of gas piping installer's registration was issued or previously renewed by making application for renewal and paying the renewal fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Holders of a certificate of gas piping installer's registration may request an extension of the registration expiration date by filing with the Chief Building Official a request for an extension citing the reason an extension should be granted and by paying an extension request fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). For good cause shown, the Chief Building Official may grant an extension of the registration expiration date (either prospective or retroactive) of up to thirty days. A certificate of gas piping installer's registration which is permitted to expire may not be renewed and a holder of an expired certificate of gas piping installer's

registration who wishes to become registered must apply for a new certificate of gas piping installer's registration pursuant to the provisions of this Section and pay the application fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
(Ord. 10-97. Passed 3-16-10.)

1317.15 FEES.

(a) A gas piping installation permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed therefor have been paid to the City Treasurer. The fees to be paid for a gas piping installation permit authorized by this Gas Piping Code shall be determined by the Chief Building Official according to the schedule of fees as hereafter set forth, and shall be noted on the gas piping installation permit form.

(b) The fees hereinafter set forth shall be additive and, unless otherwise specifically provided, separate fees shall be paid for each of the items listed.

(c) The fee for a gas piping installation permit shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) plus additional charges as follows:

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| (1) Plan/diagram review | |
| Commercial | \$100.00 |
| Residential | \$ 20.00 |
| (2) Gas (NG or LP) piping inspection | \$ 45.00 ea |
| (3) Application feed inspection | \$ 10.00 ea |
| (4) Rough inspection | \$ 45.00 ea |
| (5) Informational inspections | \$ 45.00 ea |
| (6) Additional inspections | \$ 45.00 ea |
| (7) Commercial, 3 percent of OBBS fee | based on fees subtotal |
| (8) Residential, 1 percent of OBBS fee | based on fees subtotal |

The minimum fee for the issuance of any gas piping installation permit pursuant to this Chapter shall be eighty five dollars (\$85.00).

(Ord. 10-97. Passed 3-16-10.)

1317.16 CHARGE FOR INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL WORK.

When any person, firm, or corporation has commenced work on a project without first procuring the necessary gas piping installation permit therefor, the Chief Building Official shall make a thorough investigation to determine whether all work performed prior to the subsequent issuance date of the gas piping installation permit conforms to all pertinent Ordinances. The charge for making such investigations prior to the issuance of the necessary gas piping installation permit shall be equal to the amount of the gas piping installation permit fee required, but not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), and shall be in addition to the cost of the gas piping installation permit, but in no event shall the additional charge for investigation exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.17 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.

As used in this chapter, "Chief Building Official," when concerning the alteration and repair of one-, two-, and three-family buildings and accessory structures rehabilitated with funds from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, refers to the Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator of the City of Springfield.

(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.18 REVOCATION OF GAS PIPING INSTALLER'S REGISTRATION.

(a) The City's Director of Community Development is authorized and empowered to revoke, modify, or suspend a gas piping installer's registration pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter for any of the following acts or omissions of the holder of any such gas piping installer's registration: fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation of any facts in obtaining a gas piping installer's

registration; obtaining a contract for work authorized under any such license by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation of facts; negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting or the performance of any work; willful or fraudulent material departure from the plans or specifications prescribed for any work undertaken by a gas piping installer's registration holder; violation of or disregard for any provision of law or ordinance or rule or regulation; non-compliance resulting in injury or damage to any person or to the public; or giving false information on an application for a gas piping installation permit.

(b) The City's Director of Community Development is authorized and empowered to revoke a gas piping installer's registration pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The gas piping installer's registration holder no longer holds either a valid and unexpired Plumbing License issued the State of Ohio pursuant to Chapter 4740 of the Ohio Revised Code or a valid and unexpired H/M-1P Install/Replace Gas Service D.O.T. certification issued pursuant to 49 CFR Part 192, or
 - (2) The gas piping installer's registration holder no longer has in effect the insurance described in Section 1317.14, or
 - (3) The gas piping installer's registration holder no longer has in effect the workers compensation coverage described in Subsection 1317.14, or
 - (4) The gas piping installer's registration holder no longer has in effect the bond described in Subsection 1317.14, or
 - (5) The gas piping installer's registration holder has been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty within the preceding three (3) years , or
 - (6) any combination of the foregoing items (1) through (5).
- (c) No such gas piping installer's registration shall be revoked without at least fifteen (15) days advance written notice by the City's Director of Community Development to the gas piping installer's registration holder to such effect and without affording to such gas piping installer's registration holder the opportunity to appeal to the Board of Building Appeals by submitting the appeal in writing and stating the reason for the appeal. Appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Building Appeals within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of revocation.
(Ord. 04-161. Passed 05-18-04.)

1317.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six (6) months, or both.

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