

PLUMBING INSPECTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PLUMBING WHEREVER WATER ORIGINATING FROM THE CITY OF COOPER WATER SYSTEMS: PROVIDING FOR PLUMBING INSPECTOR: FIXING QUALIFICATIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR OR PLUMBING INSPECTORS: PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE SOUTHERN STANDARD PLUMBING CODE: FIXING OF WATER SERVICE: REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Cooper, Texas, owns and operates in a governmental capacity, a Water System as a Municipal Utility; such system having plants, pumps, and transmission lines within and without the corporate limits of the City of Cooper, Texas and;

WHEREAS, certain municipalities, private companies, governmental agencies, firms and individuals not within the corporate limits of the City of Cooper, Texas, are purchasers of water from the said Water System, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Cooper, Texas, is very desirous of maintaining a pure Water Supply.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. SOUTHERN STANDARD PLUMBING CODE: The Provisions and regulations of the Southern Standard Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto, are made a part of this ordinance by reference, three certified copies of which shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired within or without the City of Cooper, Texas. Wherever water and/or sewage service originating from the Municipal Water and/or Sewer System is furnished.

SECTION 2. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION:

(a) There is hereby created the position of plumbing inspector or inspectors who shall be employed by the City of Cooper, Texas.

(b) The plumbing inspector or inspectors shall have experience in plumbing to the extent that enables him to know when plumbing is installed correctly.

(c) The plumbing inspector or inspectors shall not be directly connected in any way with any person, firm, corporation, directly or indirectly engaged in the business of plumbing, or plumbing suppliers.

(d) The inspector shall receive as full compensation for his services, a salary designated by the City of Cooper, Texas.

(e) It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector or inspectors to enforce all provisions of this Ordinance, and such inspector or inspectors is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings within or without the corporate limits of the City of Cooper, Texas, when such buildings are connected, or to be connected to the Municipal Water and/or Sewage System.

(f) The plumbing inspector shall prepare or cause to be prepared suitable forms for applications, permits, inspection reports and other such materials.

(g) It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector to inspect and test all plumbing work for compliance with this Ordinance and its adopted plumbing code, and to enforce changing of such installations that does not meet the requirements. It further shall be his duty to see that all persons installing or altering plumbing shall be qualified by State law.

SECTION 3. APPLICATIONS, PERMITS:

(a) Before beginning any work in the City of Cooper, Texas, the person installing or altering same, shall apply to the plumbing inspector or other designated official and obtain a permit to do such work.

(b) All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms provided. The application shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

New or Reconstructed Sewer Connection \$ 2.00

SECTION 4. STREET OPENINGS:

(a) All openings made in the public streets or alleys to install plumbing must be made as carefully as possible and all materials excavated from the trenches shall be removed or placed where the least inconvenience to the public will be caused.

(b) All openings must be replaced in precisely the same condition as before the excavation started and all rubbish and materials must be removed at once, leaving the street or sidewalks clean and in perfect repair.

(c) All openings shall be marked with sufficient barriers. Flares or red lamps shall be maintained around the opening at night and all other precautions shall be taken by the plumber or excavator to protect the public from damage to person or property.

SECTION 5. CROSS CONNECTIONS - BACK FLOW:

(a) The City Water Department of the City of Cooper, Texas, and the City Plumbing Inspector of the City of Cooper, Texas, be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue or cause to be discontinued all water service or services to any and all premises, lands, buildings, or structures where it is found that an immediate hazard exists to the purity or potability of the city water supply.

(b) The City Water Department of the City of Cooper, Texas, and the City Plumbing Inspector of the City of Cooper, Texas, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as necessary to determine all potential hazards to the purity or potability of the City Water Supply which exist. Upon determining said potential hazards it shall be the duty of said department and said inspector to immediately cause notice to go to the owner or such other person responsible for said premises, specifying said hazards, and notifying said person that in the event that said hazard is not corrected within thirty (30) days from the date of said notice, all water services shall be discontinued thereafter until the requirements of this Code have been complied with.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES:

Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, together with the costs of such prosecution. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 7. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED:

(a) All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

(b) This ordinance being for the regulation of plumbing and for the protection of the public their provisions hereof are declared to be separable, and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or section hereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

(c) This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Date Passed _____

Approved _____
Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk

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