



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Council Session

Item F5

#9146 - Consideration of Amending City Code Chapter 26 Relative to Insurance Requirements for Plumbing Water Conditioning Contractor

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ORDINANCE NO. 9146

An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Sections 26-53 and 26-34, pertaining to water conditioning contractors and general rules; to repeal Sections 26-53 and 26-34 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 26-34 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§26-34. General Rules

(1) All plumbing apprentices actively engaged under a master plumber will be required to register with the City Building Department. Experience accrued towards taking the journeyman plumbers test will only be accepted as a registered apprentice. Time accrued previous to registration will be approved and noted.

(2) Time required for an apprentice to be actively engaged in the trade under the supervision of a master, journeyman, or qualified shop will be a minimum of three years. Proof of qualifications will be submitted to the Board in writing for consideration and approval for the journeyman examination. Any academical time to be considered by the Board in place of actual apprenticeship time in the trade must be from a State accredited college or Technical school.

(3) Applicants must hold a journeyman license for a minimum of four years before taking the Master exam, and be actively engaged in the trade for the full four years.

(4) The minimum age limit for a Journeyman examination will be Twenty (20) years of age unless approved by the Board.

(5) The allotted time for the Master and Journeyman examination will be four hours ~~-(two hours open book and two hours closed book)-~~.

(6) Request for Master and Journeyman examination will be filed in the City of Grand Island Building Department Office prior to the examination date for the consideration of the Board. Examination fee will be paid with the application. No exam fee will be refunded after taking the examination.

(7) All applicants will submit, along with their request for examination, letters of proof of the required apprenticeship time actively engaged in the trade.

(8) In the event that an applicant fails to pass the examination given, he may make application for a subsequent exam after eighty-five (85) days have passed.

(9) At the discretion of the Board, experience gained at a industrial plant or outside the tri-city jurisdiction may be considered as apprenticeship time to qualify for a Journeyman examination. Information considered by the Board shall include written proof of previous experience record and oral examination.

(10) All examination papers are the property of the examining Board. Applicants will not be permitted to remain during grading or to review examination papers after they have been submitted for grading. Test results will be sent by mail.

(11) Applicant must obtain a passing score on each part of the exam (written as well as drawing).

(12) An applicant with a passing score will have a 30 day grace period to pick up a new license dated from the test date.

(13) An applicant must supply his own copy of this Code; the Grand Island Building Department will not supply copies to anyone during the test. Photocopies, reference books, or any other reference materials will not be allowed in the testing area during the test.

ORDINANCE NO. 9146 (Cont.)

Amended by Ordinance No. 9118, effective 05-15-2007

SECTION 2. Section 26-53 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to

read as follows:

§26-53. Water Conditioning Contractor

(1) No person shall engage in business as a water conditioning contractor without first obtaining a license to do so from the Board.

(2) In case of any firm of more than one person or partnership engaged in the business of installing water conditioning appliances, only one of such persons shall be required to qualify for a contractor's license. In case of corporations, only one officer shall be required to qualify for such license.

(3) No license as a water conditioning contractor shall be issued by the Board unless the applicant therefore first shall have passed the examination for water conditioning installer as prescribed by this article, and shall have a regularly established place of business wherein he or she shall have posted in a conspicuous place the license issued pursuant to this article.

(4) Every licensee shall maintain in full force and effect insurance policies written by a company or companies authorized to do business in Nebraska with the following coverages and amounts:

(a) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance covering the operations of the licensee, including coverage for completed operations, with limits of not less than ~~\$1,000,000~~\$300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

(b) A provision making the City of Grand Island an additional insured for any third party claims for bodily injury or property damage based upon occurrences in connection with the licensee's business operations, including completed operations, within the City's zoning jurisdiction.

(5) The licensee shall furnish the City a certificate or certificates of insurance for the above insurance coverage which shall contain a statement that said policies contain a provision that said policies may not be canceled without written notice of such cancellation having been served on the City at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of cancellation.

SECTION 3. Sections 26-53 and 26-34 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 4. The validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect January 1, 2008.

Enacted: November 13, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 9146 (Cont.)

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk