



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Special/Council Session

Item F3

#9034 - Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 18 of the City Code Relative to Examining Board; Membership; and Duties

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

Council Agenda Memo

From: Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director
Meeting: March 7, 2006
Subject: Gas Fitters Examining Board
Item #'s: F-3
Presenter(s): Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

Background

At the last meeting of the Gas Fitters Examining Board on February 8, 2006, increasing the membership on that board from four to seven was discussed and approved. That action brings this request for Council approval to increase the number of members on the Examining Board.

Discussion

The Gas Fitters Examining Board is responsible for establishing standards and procedures for the qualifications, examination and licensing of master and journeyman gas fitters and shall issue the appropriate license. As this board meets to establish procedures and review applications for testing it has at times become difficult to obtain a quorum and conduct business, with the increase in membership it will become less of a burden for the members to always be present. Additionally the Board has decided to actively pursue the adoption of a Mechanical Code and the additional membership will allow for increased involvement from the heating and air conditioning industry.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve ordinance #_____.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve ordinance #_____.

ORDINANCE NO. 9034

An ordinance to amend Chapter 18 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 18-6 pertaining to gas fitters' examining board; to repeal Section 18-6 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 18-6 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§18-6. Examining Board; Membership Duties

There is hereby created an examining board for gas fitters which shall consist of seven members appointed annually by the Mayor and approved by a majority of the city council. The seven members shall consist of the following:

- (1) The Chief Building Official, or his/her designee
- (2) One member from the local gas company
- (3) One contracting master gas fitter
- (4) One member from the community
- (5) Three members which shall be either master gas fitters or journeyman gas fitters

Four members shall constitute a quorum. Duties of the board shall be to establish standards and procedures for the qualifications, examination, and licensing of master and journeymen Gas Fitters and shall issue the appropriate license to each person who meets the qualifications thereof and successfully passes the examination given by the Examining Board.

The duly appointed Examining Board shall act as a Board of Appeals for any appeal arising from actions of the Chief Building Official or his authorized representative as it relates to issues in this chapter of the city code.

~~There is hereby created an examining board for gas fitters which shall be comprised of the chief building official, gas inspector, two appointees from the local heating trades group, and one member from the gas company, all to be selected by the chief building official and approved by the Council. One of such appointees shall be a regularly licensed master plumber, and one shall be a gas fitter duly authorized and licensed to install central heating hot air furnaces or other gas burning equipment.~~

SECTION 2. Section 18-6 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 2, 2006	☐ City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9034 (Cont.)

SECTION 3. 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 4. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: March 7, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk