

PLUMBING CODE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BOCA BASIC PLUMBING CODE: REGULATING THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SANITARY AND STORM DRAINAGE, SANITARY FACILITIES, WATER SUPPLIES, STORM WATER, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL IN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: AND REQUIRING PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Pennsylvania (hereinafter called the Municipality)

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF PLUMBING CODE

1.1 BOCA Basic Plumbing Code - There is hereby adopted in its entirety by the Municipality, copies of which are on file in the office of the Municipality, that certain Plumbing Code known as the "BOCA Basic Plumbing Code, 1968 Edition" as amended through the effective date of adoption of this Ordinance, as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended.

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The Municipality also declares that any subsequent amendment, revision, supplement or updating of said BOCA Code, as may be issued and published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. shall also become a part of said BOCA Code and shall be effective in the Municipality upon the introduction and ratification of a motion by the Council of the Municipality approving said amendment, revision, supplement or updating.

1.2 Application - The provisions set forth in this Ordinance and in the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code adopted herein, shall take effect immediately upon enactment of this Ordinance and shall apply throughout the entire Municipality.

## SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1 Office of Code Enforcement - All of the provisions of the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the Municipality are hereby adopted with this Ordinance. The administration and enforcement of this Ordinance and of the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted shall be carried out by the Office of Code Enforcement of the Municipality, in accordance with the procedures established by the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the Municipality and by the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted. Said Code Enforcement Ordinance provides for certain powers and duties of a Code Enforcement Officer, for the creation of a Code Hearing Board and for procedures relative to applications, fees, permits, inspections, appeals, penalties and other matters. The term "Administrative Authority" as used in the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted shall mean "Code Enforcement Officer and/or Office of Code Enforcement", as used in the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the Municipality referred to above.
- 2.2 Permit for Plumbing Work - A permit shall be required for plumbing work in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted, and the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the Municipality.

## SECTION 3. MODIFICATIONS MADE IN BOCA BASIC PLUMBING CODE

- 3.1 Deletions - The following sections of the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code are hereby deleted in their entirety:
- a. P-102.0 Effective Date
- 3.2 Amendments - The following sections of the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code are hereby amended to read as follows:
- a. P-111.1 Permits Required - No plumbing work shall be commenced until a permit for such work has been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer, except that a permit shall not be required for plumbing repairs which involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages, the repairing of leaks, or the replacement of defective faucets or valves

provided no alterations are made in the existing piping to the plumbing fixtures. A plumbing permit shall not be transferrable.

b. P-308.2 Public Systems Available - A public water supply system and/or public sewer system shall be deemed available to the premises used for human occupancy if such premises are within 200 feet, measured along the street, alley or easement, of the public water supply or sewer system and a connection conforming with the standards set forth in this Code may be made thereto.

c. P-313.3 Freezing - Water service piping and sewers shall be installed below recorded frost penetration, in accordance with accepted practice in the Municipality as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. In climates with freezing temperatures, plumbing piping in exterior building walls shall be adequately protected against freezing by insulation or heat or both.

3.3 Additions - The following new section P-118.0 shall be added to the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted:

a. P-118.0 Regulation of Plumbers - No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the practice of plumbing within the Municipality unless excepted by this Ordinance unless technically qualified to perform such plumbing activities in a competent manner. Such technical qualification shall be demonstrated by the person, firm or corporation by the submittal of the following information to the Code Enforcement Officer.

- A statement describing the training course or courses satisfactorily completed.

- A statement adequately describing the work experience of the person, firm or corporation.

- A statement describing any plumbing licenses received from the State, County or any other municipality.

Such application shall be reviewed and, if deemed necessary, investigated by the Code Enforcement Officer and a recommendation for the approval or disapproval of said application shall be made to the Code Hearing Board. Said Board shall make the final determination on the technical qualifications and competence of the applicant.

The above provision for the regulation of plumbers shall not apply to any person who applies for a permit to do any work regulated by this Code in a single or two family dwelling used exclusively for living purposes, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters in connection with such dwelling, provided the person is the bona fide owner of such dwelling and that the same will be occupied by said owner and that said owner shall personally purchase all material and perform or supervise all labor in connection therewith.

#### SECTION 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Saving Clause - Nothing in this Ordinance or in the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. No right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.
- 4.2 Validity - The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance or of the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code herein adopted shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.
- 4.3 Conflict of Ordinances - Any ordinance or part of ordinance except as otherwise herein provided conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

4.4 Short Title - This Ordinance, together with the BOCA Basic Plumbing Code adopted herein shall be known and may be cited as the "Plumbing Code of the Municipality."

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into a law this 9th day of May, 1973.

MUNICIPALITY

By: John Zuk  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY: Leonard Chestnut  
SECRETARY

APPROVED this 9th day of May, 1973

By: John Mizou  
MAYOR