

**REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION
MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND INSPECTION OF PLUMBING
IN THE MIAMI COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT**

Establishing regulations and standards controlling installation, maintenance, testing and inspection of all plumbing; providing for their enforcement; requiring registration and permits; to protect public health and welfare; prevent the contamination of water supplies and provide for the sanitary collection of wastes.

Therefore, Be It Ordered by the Board of Health of the Miami County Combined Health District as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **BOARD OF HEALTH** means that the Board of Health of the Miami County Combined Health District as authorized by Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 1.2 **BUILDING** is any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.
- 1.3 **HEALTH COMMISSIONER** means the legally designated health commissioner of the Miami County Combined Health District or his/her authorized representative.
- 1.4 **HEALTH DISTRICT** means the Miami County Combined Health District
- 1.5 **PERSON** means and includes any individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership.
- 1.6 **PLUMBING** shall have the same meaning as defined in Chapter 4101:3 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. PLUMBING FOR BUILDINGS

- 2.1 All plumbing in or for buildings located in Health District shall be installed, maintained, tested, and inspected in accordance with these regulations and the provisions of chapter 4101:3 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

SECTION 3. REGISTRATION OF PERSONS IN THE PLUMBING BUSINESS

- 3.1 The Health District shall maintain a register of all persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing installation business within the Health District. Any person who engages or intends to engage in the plumbing installation business, or installs, changes, repairs, maintains or extends piping, material, fixtures, appliances, appurtenances or any part thereof in connection with any drainage, venting or water supply system, shall make application on a form provided by the Health District for registration by said department on or before the first day of January of each year. The application form shall contain the name and address of the firm or place of business he/she is associated with and such other information as the Health Commissioner may determine to be necessary. Registration shall be required of each member of a firm, corporation, association, or group who installs any plumbing.
- 3.2 A fee shall be paid for each contract, journeyman, and apprentice plumber, an amount which is specified in the schedule of fees (Exhibit A.)
- 3.3 Such registration, upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner, may be revoked and the name of person removed from the register by the Board of Health for improper installation or refusal or failure to comply with these regulations. Such person may have his/her name reinstated on the register by the Board of Health after demonstration of his/her intention to comply with regulations and standards and Chapter 4101:3.

SECTION 4. PERMIT REQUIRED

- 4.1 No person shall install plumbing in any building, except in cases of leaks or repairs in existing plumbing until a permit has been obtained from the Health District.
- 4.2 An application for permit to install plumbing shall be made on a form provided by the Health District at least 24 hours before plumbing is started.
- 4.3 The permit to do any plumbing work shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the property where the plumbing work is being done.
- 4.4 No permit shall be issued to any person to install plumbing who is not on the register maintained by the Health District as provided in Section 3 of these regulations, except to an owner of a single-family dwelling who installs plumbing in the home in which he/she lives or intends to live.
- 4.5 The costs and categories of permit fees shall be described in the schedule of fees (Exhibit A.)

SECTION 5. VARIANCE

- 5.1 The Board of Health may grant a variance from the requirements of this regulation as will not be contrary to the public interest, where a person shows that because of practical difficulties or other special conditions their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship. However, no variance shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of said regulation, or be otherwise contrary to the public's interest.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

- 6.1 Any person, firm, corporation, plumber or installer who violates any provision of this regulation shall be in violation of Section 3709.21 and subject to the penalties provided by Section 3707.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 6.2 Where work for which a permit is required, if started before issuance of such permit, the plumbing permit penalty fee shall be an additional 25% of the plumbing permit fee.

SECTION 7. EFFECT OF PARTIAL INVALIDITY

- 7.1 Should any part of these regulations be declared unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of these regulations shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. REPEAL

- 8.1 All regulations and parts of regulations in conflict with this regulation are hereby repealed and this regulation shall be in full force immediately upon its adoption, as provided by law.