RESOLUTION 2018-2

Regulations for the Installation, Maintenance, Testing, and Inspection of Plumbing in the jurisdiction of the Columbiana County General Health District

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of or governing the installation, Columbiana County General Health District, and for the purpose of preserving and promoting the public health, safety and welfare, that the Board of Health of said District hereby adopts as Resolution 2018-1 of Plumbing Regulations for the Columbiana County General Health District, amended regulations for the installation, maintenance, testing and inspection of all plumbing and incorporates by reference, as a part of Resolution 2018-1, Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, the requirements of which chapter shall be applicable to the plumbing of all structures in the Columbiana County General Health District under the authority of Title 37 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these regulations shall be adopted on March 21, 2018, and shall become effective on May 1, 2018.

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these regulations;

1.1 BUILDING OR PLACE means any building or place as used in Section 3781.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, and any other similar building or place where plumbing is installed, is to be installed or is to be part thereof.

1.2 DWELLING means any building which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used by human occupants not included in Section 3781.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall include any single-family, two-family, or three family dwelling.

1.3 PLUMBING means the practice, materials and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with any of the following; drainage systems, the venting systems, and the water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building, structure or conveyance, also, the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension, or alteration of the storm water, liquid waste, or drainage and water supply systems of any premises.

1.4 PLUMBING FIXTURES means installed receptacles, devices, or appliances which are supplied with water or which receive or discharge liquids or liquid borne wastes, with or without discharge into the drainage system with which they may be directly or indirectly connected.
1.5 HEALTH COMMISSIONER means the legally designated Health Commissioner of the Columbiana County General Health District, or an authorized representative.

1.6 PERSON means any individual, firm, corporation, associated, or partnership.

1.7 PROPER ENFORCEMENT means an adequate staff or plumbing inspectors with qualifications in plumbing inspection work substantially equal to the qualifications of the plumbing inspectors employed by the Ohio Department of Commerce, as provided under Section 3703.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, and an adequate record system and proper application and enforcement of this regulation.

SECTION 2 PLUMBING FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CHAPTER 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15, OF THE OHIO PLUMBING CODE, CURRENT EDITION, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF.

2.1 All plumbing in or for public building or places located in the Columbiana County General Health District shall be installed, maintained, tested and inspected in accordance with this regulation and the provisions of Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Ohio Department of Health has designated and approved the Columbiana County General Health District to make plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefore.

2.2 All plumbing in single-family, two-family, and three-family dwellings in the Columbiana County General Health District shall be installed, maintained, tested and inspected in accordance with these regulations and applicable provisions of Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this regulation and made a part of this regulation.

2.3 It is the purpose of these regulations to adopt by incorporation by reference the standards and methods regarding plumbing installations, maintenance, testing and inspection for all plumbing in the Columbiana County General Health District as is provided in Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any
amendments thereto, and to provide, as soon as possible, for the proper enforcement of such provisions to protect the public health, to prevent the contamination of water supplies, to provide the sanitary collection of wastes, and to make unnecessary the exercise of this authority by the Ohio Department of Health as is provided in Section 3707.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2.4 In addition to adhering to the Ohio Plumbing Code is the requirement for a 4 inch building drain and a 3 inch full size vent stack thru the roof on all structures.

2.5 Residential Plumbing will not use Automatic Air Vents (AAV) except in situations where it is not practical to use a standard venting procedure.

2.6 Residential Plumbing testing shall be by means of water or vacuum as prescribed by manufacturer. Pressurized air is not permitted.

SECTION 3 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS IN THE PLUMBING BUSINESS

3.1 The Health Commissioner shall maintain a register of all persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business in the Columbiana County General Health District.

3.2 Any persons engaged in or intending to engage in the plumbing business shall make application to the Health Commissioner on a form provided by the Health Commissioner to have his/her name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business. The application form shall contain the name and address of the person making application and the name and address of the firm or place of business he/she is associated with and any other information as required by the Health Commissioner to determine compliance with these regulations.

3.3 The Columbiana County General Health District requires plumbing contractors to show proof of a current state license with the Bureau of Construction Compliance prior to registration.

3.4 Any person making application to have his/her name placed on the register for those engaged in the plumbing business in the Columbiana County General Health District shall submit with such application an annual fee as set forth by the Board of Health. Such registration shall expire on January 31st of each year and shall be renewed by January 31st of each year. All reinspection fees must be paid prior to being considered for registration renewal.

3.5 Upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner, the Board of Health may, after a hearing, remove the name of any person from the register of persons engaged in the plumbing business in the Columbiana County General Health District who has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to comply with this
regulation and Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto. Such person may have his/her name reinstated on the register of persons in the plumbing business by the Board of Health upon recommendation of the Health Commissioner after satisfactory demonstration of ability and willingness to comply with this regulation and Chapters 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, commonly referred to as the Ohio Plumbing Code, current edition, and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 4 PERMIT REQUIRED, APPROVAL OF PLANS, FEES

4.1 No plumbing shall be done in any public building or place or dwelling, except in cases of leaks or repairs in existing plumbing, until plans and specifications for such plumbing work have been submitted and approved and a permit has been obtained from the Health Commissioner; provided, however, this provision shall apply only to the types of public buildings or places for which the Ohio Department of Health has designated and approved the Columbiana County General Health District to make the plumbing inspections and to issue permits therefor and to all dwellings.

4.2 The application to the Health Commissioner for a permit to do plumbing work shall be made on forms provided by the Health Commissioner and shall be accompanied by the plans and specifications required by these regulations.

Before a plumbing permit can be acted upon, the documentation of an approved sewage system must be on file with this department or the applicant shall show proof that the said sewage permit has been issued.

4.3 No permit shall be issued to any person by the Health Commissioner to do plumbing work whose name is not on the register maintained by the Health Commissioner as provided in Section 3 of this regulation, except to the owner of a single-family dwelling to personally perform the work in the home in which he/she lives or in which he/she intends to live.

(1, 2, and 3 FAMILY DWELLINGS:)

4.4 A set of isometric plans/drawings and specifications shall be submitted for evaluation or review prior to obtaining a permit. The plans and specifications required by this regulation shall contain sufficient detail and information to permit a clear understanding and an intelligent review of the proposed plumbing work.

(OTHER THAN 1, 2, OR 3 FAMILY DWELLINGS:)

4.5 A set of plans/drawings and specifications shall be submitted for evaluation and review prior to those plans being submitted for bid along with an
evaluation/review fee as set by the Board of Health. The plans and specifications required by this regulation shall contain sufficient detail and information to permit a clear understanding and an intelligent review of the proposed plumbing work. Plans/drawings and specifications shall be returned and marked approved or disapproved.

When such plans/drawings and specifications do not contain the necessary information and details, and when any change or modification is deemed necessary or desirable, such change or modification shall be incorporated in revised plans and specifications and shall be resubmitted using the same procedure as in the initial submission along with the fee for plan re-evaluation/review as set by the Board of Health (OAC Chapter 4101:3-1 to 4101:3-15)

4.6 After the plans/drawings and specifications have been evaluated/reviewed and approved one copy shall be retained and filed in the office of the Health District, and the other copy shall be returned to the person who submitted such plans/drawings and specifications. Both copies shall be marked to show approval.

4.7 No plumbing shall be installed in any setting except in exact accordance with the approved plans/drawings and specifications.

4.8 Each application to the Health Commissioner for a permit to install plumbing shall be accompanied by a fee as set by the Board of Health, for each trap and/or vented fixture, appliance or device. The plumbing installation permit shall remain in force until an approved completion of the system has taken place or for one year from the date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

Whenever a re-inspection is made necessary by failure of the applicant to have the work ready for inspection, or by reason of fault, or improper installation, such person shall pay for a re-inspection fee as set by the Board of Health.

Whenever a job requires more than three inspections the applicant will be assessed a re-inspection fee as described in the paragraph above.

4.9 The application or renewal application for a permit to do plumbing work and the plans and specifications submitted shall be acted upon by the Health Commissioner without undue delay and in every case shall be acted upon within thirty days after application is made and the required plans and specifications submitted.

4.10 The permit to do any plumbing work shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises visible from the road where the plumbing work is being done.
SECTION 5  PLUMBING INSPECTOR

5.1 The Health Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Health, shall appoint the required number of plumbing inspectors certified by the Ohio Department of Commerce. (Reference O.R.C. Chapter 3703)

SECTION 6  PENALTY

6.1 Any person who violates any provision of this regulation shall be in violation of Section 3707.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and subject to the penalties provided by Section 3707.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7  EFFECT OF PARTIAL INVALIDITY

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

SECTION 8  EFFECTIVE DATE

8.1 These regulations were adopted and passed by the Board of Health of the Columbiana County General Health District, according to law on March 21, 2018 and are in effect on or after May 1, 2018.

Dr. Jack Amato, President
Columbiana County Board of Health

Wesley J. Vins
Health Commissioner
Secretary-Executive Officer

I, Wesley J. Vins, Secretary of the Board of Health of the Columbiana County General Health District, hereby certify that the above regulation was posted on the agency website and notice was published in the Morning Journal on March 28 and April 4, 2018

Karen Clark
Clerk, Board of Health
Columbiana County General Health District

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