

SUGGESTED PLUMBING ORDINANCE

PREPARED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH IN
COOPERATION WITH THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

ORDINANCE NO. 775

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR:
GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND
INSPECTION OF PLUMBING: AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of ES, Arkansas.

Section 1. Definitions. Plumbing for the purposes of this ordinance is hereby defined as follows:

a. All piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with the water supply and drainage systems within a building and to a point from three to five feet outside of the building.

b. The construction and connection of any drain or waste pipe carrying domestic sewage from a point within three to five feet outside of the foundation walls of any building with the sewer service lateral or other disposal terminal, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems and the alteration of any such system, drain or waste pipe, except minor repairs to faucets, valves, pipes, appliances and removing of stoppages.

c. The water service piping from a point within three to five feet outside of the foundation walls of any building to the water meter or other water utility property or other terminal and the connecting of domestic hot water storage tanks, water softeners, and water heaters with the water supply system.

d. Water pressure systems other than public utility systems.

e. A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed, as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement, and to prevent with a margin of safety unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, siphon or affect trap seals or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures, or permit sewer air to escape into the building.

Section 2. State Code. The provisions and regulations of the Arkansas State Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto, adopted by the State Board of Health of Arkansas are hereby made a part of this ordinance by reference, three certified copies of which shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the City of ES, Arkansas.

Section 3. Inspection and Supervision.

a. There is hereby created the position of Plumbing Inspector who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation of the City Council.

b. The Plumbing Inspector shall receive as full compensation for his services as such inspector the sum of _____ per month or an amount equal to _____ percent of all plumbing inspection fees collected by the City, whichever is less.

c. The Plumbing Inspector shall have experience in the business of plumbing to the extent that enables him to know when plumbing is installed in accordance with the provisions of the Code. He shall not be connected in any way with any person, firm or corporation directly or indirectly engaged in the business of plumbing, or plumbing supplies.

d. It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector to enforce all provisions of this ordinance and the Plumbing Inspector is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings in the City of ES, in the performance of his duties between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily. The Plumbing Inspector shall issue permits for plumbing work as herein provided and shall prepare suitable forms for applications, permits and other reports.

e. It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector to inspect and test all plumbing work for compliance with the Code.

Section 4. Applications, Permits.

a. Before beginning any plumbing work in the City of ES, the person installing same shall apply to the Plumbing Inspector, or other designated official and obtain a permit to do such work. Only those persons authorized to do plumbing may be issued permits. A permit may be issued to a property owner to install plumbing in a single family residence provided the property owner does the work himself and the building is owned and occupied by such owner as his home.

b. Application for permits shall be made on suitable forms provided by the Plumbing Inspector. The application shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

	Fee
Plumbing Roughing In Inspection - - - - -	1.50
Each plumbing fixture and waste discharging device - - - - -	.50
New or reconstructed sewer connection - - - - -	.50
Each septic tank - - - - -	.50
For final certificate of Inspection - - - - -	.50

An additional fee of .20 shall be charged for each additional trip on the part of the Plumbing Inspector, caused by the negligence of the Plumber.

Section 5. Bond Required. Every Master Plumber doing business in the City of ES shall execute and deliver to the City a bond with a surety bonding company in the sum of \$1,000 to indemnify the city or any citizen for any damage caused by the failure of such Master Plumber to comply strictly with the provisions of this ordinance. No plumbing permit shall be issued to any Master Plumber unless this bond has been delivered to the City and is in full force and effect.

Section 6. Street Openings.

a. All openings made in the public streets or alleys to install plumbing must be made as carefully as possible and all materials excavated from the trenches shall be removed or placed where the least inconvenience to the public will be caused.

b. All openings must be replaced in precisely the same condition as before the excavation started and all rubbish and material must be removed at once, leaving the street or sidewalks clean and in perfect repair.

c. All openings shall be marked with sufficient barriers. Flares or red lamps shall be maintained around the opening at night and all other precautions shall be taken by the plumber or excavator to protect the public from damage to person or property.

Alternative Section 6. (b)

Before any opening is made in the pavement of the streets of the City of ES, the person desiring to make the opening shall deposit with the City of ES a sum of not less than \$25.00, and in addition thereto shall deposit with the City of _____, a sum of money to be determined by the Plumbing Inspector to cover the necessary expenses incurred by the City of _____ in repairing said pavement and restoring it to its former condition. After the plumbing work has been completed and the hole refilled, all excess rubbish and material shall be removed leaving the street or sidewalk clean.

Section 7. Penalties. Any person, firm, or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred (\$100.00), together with the costs of such prosecution, or by imprisonment. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

Section 8. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance being for the regulation of plumbing and for the protection of the public the provisions hereof are declared to be separable, and the invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or section hereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required in the Arkansas Statutes.

Passed April 6 '53
Approved A. J. Russell, Mayor
Attest Ray Freeman, City Clerk