

CHAPTER 13.

GAS.

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**Sec. 13-1. Gas Code adopted.**

(a) There is hereby adopted by reference, as though the same were fully printed and set forth herein, Chapter 12 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1991 edition, 2nd printing, copyright 1991, prepared by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, 20001 Walnut Drive South, Walnut, California, to be used as the official guide for fuel piping regulations for the city, and IAPMO Installation Standards,

copyright 1991, 2nd printing, prepared by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, 20001 Walnut Drive South, Walnut, California, consisting of one hundred eighty-four printed pages.

(b) Three true and exact copies of the above 1991 edition are on file in the municipal offices of the city, duly certified by the mayor and attested by the city clerk, and may be examined, duplicated, or copied by any person interested during regular business hours of the municipal offices, such copying or reproduction to be at the expense of the person requesting the same. (Ord. No. 638, § 2; Ord. No. 738, § 2.)

Prior history: Code 1968, § 13-3-5.

For state law as to authority of city to adopt by reference, see C.R.S. 1973, §§ 31-16-202 to 31-16-204.

**Sec. 13-2. Gas inspector—Appointment.**

The city manager shall appoint a competent person as the gas inspector. (Code 1968, § 13-3-1.)

**Sec. 13-3. Same—Powers and duties enumerated.**

The gas inspector and his assistants are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to:

(a) Inspect and supervise the installation, construction, reconstruction and repair of all house gas piping, gas appliances, fixtures and apparatus now or hereafter to be placed in or in any manner directly attached to any building or structure within the city. The gas inspector and his assistants shall be subject to the orders and directions of the city council and they are hereby vested with full authority to enter any building or premises at any reasonable time in the discharge of their duties herein imposed.

(b) Receive all applications for connection, to pass on and approve or reject plans submitted, to issue permits for all plumbing work, extensions or change in location of fixtures, to sign and issue all notices, to keep a daily record of all applications received, plans approved and all other matters which may pertain thereto and to make a monthly report of such operations to the city council.

(c) Inspect as often as necessary all houses in the course of erection, alteration or repair and to inspect any plumbing of any character already in use which he may have reason to believe is out of repair or is imperfect.

(d) Give the owner or agent in charge of any building written notice of any defects in his plumbing or fixtures or of changes or repairs necessary and such owner or agent shall immediately, after such notice, make the necessary changes or repairs. If the owner or agent fails to comply with this notice, the gas inspector may order the gas franchise holder to turn off the gas and it shall not thereafter turn the gas on again until the gas inspector has certified that such defects have been repaired or removed.

(e) Furnish the gas franchise holder with a copy of each certificate of inspection. Such department shall not turn gas into any new, altered or repaired system of gas until such certificate has been received.

(f) Investigate all alleged violations of the provisions of this chapter and to file complaints when necessary. No one except an authorized representative of the gas franchise holder shall at any time turn on any valve or cock or in any way tamper or make any connection with any gas main, meter, meter connection or gas service pipe between the main and the meter. Any user,

however, may turn off service in case of an emergency.

(g) A gas inspection charge will be established by the city council by resolution. This fee will be collected and retained by the city as compensation for services rendered by such inspector.

(h) Decide all controversies which may arise under this chapter, and in so doing, shall be subject to the control and direction of the city council. (Code 1968, §§ 13-3-1, 13-3-7.)

**Sec. 13-4. Installation, construction, etc., license—Required; application; fee; insurance; issuance and renewal.**

Every person, before entering upon the installation, construction, reconstruction or repair of any house piping within the service area of the city natural gas system, shall be required to take out a gas plumbing license, the cost of which shall be determined by the city council by resolution. Before such license is issued, the party applying for such license shall meet the requirements set by the city council as to his knowledge of gas fittings and shall deposit with the city clerk a policy of public liability and property damage insurance, in a sum to be determined by the city council by resolution, executed by a reliable insurance company to protect the franchise holder's householders and building owners against loss of life, injury or damage to property occasioned by the negligence of such contractor and all persons interested, against all costs, expenses, damages and injuries sustained by the negligence of such contractor, his agents, servants and employees, or his failure to

comply ethically with the terms of this chapter in doing work made the subject matter hereof and otherwise to be in the form and executed as required by the city council. Upon approval of such insurance by the city council, the clerk shall issue to such contractor a license, which shall remain in force only so long as such contractor's insurance is in force and effect. Such insurance shall be renewed annually on the first day of January of each year as a prerequisite to the issuance of a license for such year. Such license shall be conspicuously displayed at the place of business. Applicants for a gasfitter's license who are duly licensed plumbers under the requirements of section 21-3 of this Code, are not required to pay an additional license fee for a gasfitter's license. However, proof of public liability and property damage insurance, as set forth in this section, shall be required in addition to the \$1,000 bond required for plumbers' licenses as set forth in section 21-4 of this Code. (Code 1968, § 13-3-2; Ord. No. 596, § 2.)

**Sec. 13-5. Same—Revocation.**

The license pursuant to section 13-4 may at any time be suspended or revoked by the city council upon the recommendation of the city manager for any violation of the terms of this chapter. (Code 1968, § 13-3-2.)

**Sec. 13-6. Plans and specifications required—Submission; information to be specified.**

Before the construction, reconstruction, installation or repair of any gas

house piping, suitable plans and specifications of all the work proposed to be done, showing clearly the sizes of pipe, kind of fittings, locations and measurements shall be made out on blanks furnished by the inspector and properly signed by the owner, his agent or other authorized representative and filed at the office of the inspector. All connections and fixtures shall be neatly drawn in the following manner. In case of new work or extension of old work, black ink shall be used. In case of old work, red ink shall be used. (Code 1968, § 13-3-4.)

**Sec. 13-7. Same—Approval; issuance of permit; modification; rectification of errors.**

If the plans as required by section 13-6 are approved by the inspector, he shall issue a written permit within two days after the application is filed. No change or modification of approved plans shall be permitted unless such change or modification is authorized by the owner or agent, submitted to and approved by the inspector and placed on file as in the case of original work. No infraction of rules, not specially authorized in writing by the inspector, although it may be shown on plans and has passed inspection, shall be permitted. The inspector always reserves the right to compel the gas fitter to rectify any infraction of the rules, although the work has passed inspection and a final inspection certificate issued, and the plumbers' insurance will be held for such rectification. (Code 1968, § 13-3-4.)

**Sec. 13-8. Permits—Issuance only to licensed plumber.**

No permit to install, construct, reconstruct or repair any gas house piping shall be issued, except to a licensed plumber or a person licensed to do such work in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Code 1968, § 13-3-4.)

**Sec. 13-9. Same—Property owner's responsibility.**

No property owner shall cause or permit any installation, construction, reconstruction or repair of any gas house piping in the city and its gas service territory before the person doing the work has first obtained a permit from the inspector to do so. The mere fact that such work has been done will be considered sufficient to hold and render such property owner amenable to this rule. (Code 1968, § 13-3-3.)

**Sec. 13-10. Certificate of inspection—Issuance upon test.**

When the system of piping and all extensions thereto has been completed and all openings firmly closed, the person installing the piping shall make the test provided above and if the piping is found tight, shall make an application for a test to the gas inspector. Upon such application the inspector or one of his assistants will inspect the piping and shall witness the test. If the piping is found tight and the work done in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, such inspector or assistant shall issue and deliver a certificate of inspection. (Code 1968, § 13-3-6.)

**Sec. 13-11. Same—Form.**

The certificate of inspection, as required by the preceding section, shall be substantially in a form to be prescribed by the city council. (Code 1968, § 13-3-6.)

**Sec. 13-12. Same—Additional installations.**

Any additional gas piping or outlets installed, after the required certificate has been issued, must be reported for inspection and tested in the same manner as pipe originally installed. (Code 1968, § 13-3-6.)