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Harford County Plumbing Board Minutes
Open Session
November 29, 2022

The Harford County Plumbing Board met in the first-floor conference room, Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, at 220 South Main Street on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. The following members and attendees were present:

Members:

Steve Bogan, Chairperson Plumbing Board and Master Plumber
Justin Waszkiewicz, Plumbing Board Member and State of Maryland Environmental Health
Chip Newcomer, Plumbing Board Member and Master Plumbing
Scott Schott, Plumbing Board Member and Chief, Plumbing Services, Harford County
Heather McHugh, Secretary to the Board and Administrative Specialist, DILP, Harford County

Harford County Health Department Attendees:

Angela Middleton, Inspections, Food Control
Lisa Kalama, Permits and Plan Review, Manager
Lillian Pletcher, Permits and Plan Review, Commercial/Plan Review
Dustin Ferguson, Permits and Plan Review, Commercial/Plan Review
Autumn Cornbrooks, Inspections, Food Control
Maily Aviles, Inspections, Food Control
Douglas Lee, Inspections, Food Control

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. The Plumbing Board minutes recorded on October 4, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Mr. Schott updated the Board on how contractors in the field are abiding by House Bill 1052, Public Safety - Natural Gas and Liquefied Propane Piping Systems - Construction Requirements. The House bill became effective October 1, 2022. The bill includes prohibitions for the installation of non-arc-resistant corrugated stainless-steel tubing (CSST).

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New Business:

The Environmental Health Department attended the Plumbing Board meeting to ask questions about the International Plumbing and Building Code in relation to commercial kitchens and food service businesses. Mr. Schott explained the fuel gas permit requirements and inspections for new or replaced gas appliances in a commercial kitchen. He also explained, drains and water lines extended greater than or equal to seven feet in length require a plumbing permit and inspections. Flex connector replacements do not require a permit. If a fire occurs in a commercial kitchen, the Harford County Plumbing Division requested to be notified.

Mr. Bogan suggested the Health Department remind restaurant owners of the requirement for permits and the importance of having permits on file.

The Health Department had questions about mobile units including kitchens and if plumbing permits are required. The department was referring to food trucks and food trailers. Mr. Schott stated pre-manufactured mobile units have been pre-inspected. The Fire Marshall's office should be contacted to inspect liquid propane tanks and gas piping. Mobile units do not have a permanent address and are not addressed in the plumbing code therefore do not require plumbing permits.

The Health Department asked about chemical dispensers. Mr. Schott answered chemical dispenser contractors are not licensed to cut into water lines or install saddle valves. A licensed master plumber must be hired to perform such work. Chemical dispensing contractors may install a tee on the riser to the spray of a three compartment sink as long as there are built in check valves on the faucet or dual check valves on the hot and cold-water supply. Chemical dispenser contractors can add a quick disconnect on mop sinks and are required to post signage reading disconnect when not in use.

The Health Department asked about travel distances to restrooms in a mall setting for businesses, plumbing fixture requirements for restaurants and hand sink temperatures for public lavatories. Mr. Schott referenced the 2018 International Plumbing Code and provided an answer.

The Health Department and Board discussed floor sinks and hub drain code requirements. Both parties also discussed plumbing inspections from a well into a dwelling. The next topic discussed was well drillers. Well drillers are regulated by the state and do not need to apply for a Harford County Plumbing permit. However, if a plumber is doing the well work, the master plumber has to apply for a Harford County permit.

The last topic was a discussion about sewer line connection to a septic system. Permits are required by the Health Department for any sewer line connections five feet outside the foundation of a dwelling.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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