

## CHAPTER 125

### PLUMBERS' LICENSES

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**125.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the licensing of plumbers in order to protect public safety, health and welfare.

**125.02 PLUMBING DEFINED.** "Plumbing," as used in this chapter, has the meaning given it in the Plumbing Code.

**125.03 LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person shall engage in the practice of installing, repairing or altering plumbing work unless licensed as a plumber.

**125.04 APPRENTICES AND HELPERS.** Apprentices and helpers employed to assist a licensed plumber in the practice of installing, repairing or altering plumbing work need not be licensed; provided, however, such apprentices and helpers shall perform their work under the direction and supervision of a licensed plumber.

**125.05 APPLICATION.**

1. Any person who desires to be licensed as a plumber shall make a written, signed application to the Council on forms provided by the Clerk. License fees for a plumber in the amount set by resolution of the Council must accompany the application. The application shall contain full information as to the age, experience and qualifications of the applicant, and shall affirmatively show whether or not the applicant has familiarized himself or herself with the provisions of ordinances of the City concerning plumbing, water service and sanitary sewer.

2. The Council may, if in its opinion there is doubt as to the qualification of an applicant, require the applicant to submit to an oral or written examination, which shall be conducted by the plumbing inspector, and a report shall be made of the results thereof to the Council; provided, however, no examination shall be required if the applicant is the holder of a current master's or journeyman's plumber's license from any city in Iowa.

**125.06 BOND AND INSURANCE.** Before any person is issued a plumber's license, such person shall execute and deposit with the Clerk a bond in the sum of

one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with sureties approved by the Clerk and Mayor. The bond is to be held as security that the licensee will fulfill these conditions:

1. All plumbing work performed by the licensee or under licensee's supervision shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable ordinances of the City.
2. Licensee shall pay all fines and penalties properly imposed upon licensee for violation of the ordinances of the City which require a plumber's license.
3. The City shall be held free from any liability sustained by reason of neglect or incompetence of such licensee or other person working under supervision of the licensee.

In addition thereto, certificates shall also be deposited, showing that the licensee has in force public liability and property damage insurance, with limits of at least \$10,000 and \$20,000 and \$5,000 property damage, and also worker's compensation insurance.

**125.07 EXPIRATION OF LICENSE.** All licenses shall expire on December 31 after date of issue.

**125.08 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.** The Council may revoke any license if it was obtained through non-disclosure, misstatement or misrepresentation of a material fact, or if a material provision of this chapter or the Plumbing Code has been violated. Before a license may be revoked, the licensee shall be given notice in writing, either personally or as required by applicable Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, enumerating the charges against such licensee. The licensee shall be entitled to a fair hearing by the Council not sooner than five days or later than thirty days from receipt of the notice. A majority vote of all the members shall be necessary to revoke any license. A person whose license has been revoked shall not be permitted to apply for another license within six months from the date of revocation.

**125.09 USE OF LICENSEE'S NAME BY ANOTHER.** No licensee shall allow his or her name to be used by another person either for the purpose of obtaining permits or for the purpose of doing business or work under the license. Every licensee shall notify the Clerk of the address of said licensee's place of business, if any, and the name under which such business is carried on, and shall give immediate notice to the Clerk of any change in either. No license issued under this chapter shall be transferable.

**125.10 INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.** It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector to make any investigations or inspections which such official believes necessary, or any investigations or inspections required or requested by the Council to carry out the purposes of this chapter.