

## **Chapter 100**

### **PLUMBING**

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Scott: Art. I, 12-10-1991 as Ord. No. 1-1991; Art. II, 2-25-1992 as Ord. No. 1-1992. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Sewers and sewage disposal — See Ch. 112.

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#### ARTICLE I Adoption of Standards [Adopted 12-10-1991 as Ord. No. 1-1991]

##### § 100-1. Adoption of Plumbing Code.

The Township of Scott hereby adopts, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the design and installation of plumbing systems, including administration, plumbing permits and penalties, the plumbing code known as the “BOCA National Plumbing Code, 1990, Eighth Edition,” save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, of which three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the Scott Township Secretary, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this chapter shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the design and installation of plumbing systems within the corporate limits of the Township of Scott.

##### § 100-2. Modification to standards.

The code hereby adopted is amended as follows:

- A. “Scott Township” shall be inserted wherever the words “name of jurisdiction” appear in brackets therein.

B. Wherever the term “legal officer” or “legal representative” is used in this code, it shall be held to mean the “Scott Township Solicitor.”

C. Section P-104.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-104.1 Continuation:** The legal use and occupancy of any structure existing on January 15, 1992, or for which it had been heretofore approved, may be continued without change, except as may be specifically covered in this code or deemed necessary by the Plumbing Official for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

D. Section 114.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-114.2 Fee schedule:** For approving plans and issuing a permit therefor, to include inspection of the work during its progress and for final inspection and supervision of the rest of the work to be made by the plumber on plumbing installations, the administrative authority shall be entitled to receive the fees established pursuant to a resolution of the Scott Township Supervisors.<sup>1</sup>

E. Section 117.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-117.4 Penalties:** Any person who shall violate any provision of this code shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) and, in default of payment, to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this code continues shall constitute a separate offense.

F. Section 118.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-118.2 Unlawful continuance:** Any person who shall continue any plumbing work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop-work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

G.<sup>2</sup> Section P-122.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-122.1 Application for appeal:** Any person shall have the right to petition the Board of Appeals regarding a decision of the Code Official to refuse to grant a modification of the provisions of this code covering the manner of construction or materials to be used in the erection, alteration or repair of a plumbing system. Application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction can be used. The application shall be filed on a form obtained from the Code Official within twenty (20) days after the notice was served. A nonrefundable filing fee as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors<sup>3</sup> shall be paid at the time the application for appeal is filed.

H. Section P-122.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: The current fee schedule is on file in the Administrative Offices of the township.

<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: The current fee schedule is on file in the Administrative Offices of the township.

**P-122.2 Membership of Board:** The Board of Appeals shall consist of three members appointed by the chief appointing authority as follows: one for five years, one for four years and one for three years. Thereafter, each new member will serve for five years or until a successor has been appointed.

I. Section P-122.2.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-122.2.1 Qualifications:** Each member shall be a licensed professional engineer or architect or a plumbing contractor or superintendent of plumbing systems construction with at least 10 years of experience, five of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

J. Section P-122.2.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-122.2.6 Compensation of members:** Compensation of members shall be established pursuant to a resolution of the Scott Township Supervisors.

K. In Section P-201.0, the definition of "Administrative authority" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Administrative authority:** The person appointed by the Scott Township Supervisors to the position of Code Enforcement Officer with authority to administer and enforce the provisions of this code.

L. Section P-303.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-303.2 Public systems available:** A public water supply system or public sewer system shall be deemed available to a principal building used for human occupancy if such public building is within 150 feet, measured along a street, alley or easement, of the public water supply or sewer system and a connection conforming to the standards set forth in this code may be made thereto. [Amended 9-13-2005 by Ord. No. 9-13-05]

M. Section P-308.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-308.3 Freezing:** Water service piping and sewers shall be installed below recorded frost penetration, but not less than three feet below grade for water piping. Plumbing piping in exterior building walls shall be adequately protected against freezing by insulation or heat, or both.

N. Section P-308.4 is amended to read as follows:

**P-308.4 Sewer depth:** Building sewers that connect to private sewage disposal systems shall be a minimum of three feet below finished grade at the point of the septic tank connection. Building sewers shall be a minimum of three feet below grade.

O. Section P-402.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**P-402.1 Water quality:** Water service pipe and water distribution pipe shall be lead-free and resistant to corrosive action and degrading action from the potable water supplied by the water purveyor or individual water supply system.

**§ 100-3. Construction of provisions.**

In all matters that are regulated by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by regulations of departments or agencies of the commonwealth promulgated by authority of law, such laws or regulations, as the case may be, shall control where the requirements thereof are the same as or more limiting than the provisions of this article. The code shall control in all cases where the commonwealth requirements are not as strict as those contained in this article.

**§ 100-4. Continuation of provisions.**

The provisions of this article, so far as they are the same as those of ordinances and/or codes in force immediately prior to the enactment of this article, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and codes and not as new enactments. The provisions of this article shall not affect any act done or liability incurred, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any right or penalty or to punish any offense under the authority of any of the repealed ordinances.

ARTICLE II  
**Licensing of Plumbing Contractors**  
[Adopted 2-25-1992 by Ord. No. 1-1992]

**§ 100-5. Title.**

This article shall be known as the "Scott Township Plumbing Contractor's Licensing Ordinance."

**§ 100-6. Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to provide for an orderly administration and regulation of the work to be performed under the various codes and ordinances of the township related to plumbing and the installation, repair and maintenance of sanitary sewer lines and laterals and there is hereby established the Scott Township Plumbing Contractor's Licensing Ordinance providing for the licensing of any person, partnership, corporation or any other business entity engaged in the performance of plumbing contracting as described in the various codes and ordinances of the township and the rules, regulations and specifications of the Scott Township Authority and acting in the capacity of a plumbing contractor who performs plumbing contracting work within the boundaries of the Township of Scott, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

**§ 100-7. Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

APPLICANT — An individual, partnership, corporation or other business entity applying for a license as a plumbing contractor pursuant to the terms of this article.

**PLUMBING CONTRACTOR** — An individual, partner, corporation or other business entity who performs plumbing contracting services within the scope of those plumbing services set forth in the various codes and ordinances of the township and including but not limited to the BOCA National Plumbing Code, 1990, Eighth Edition, and/or plumbing services that are within the scope of the rules, regulations and specifications adopted by the Scott Township Authority governing the Scott Township Authority sanitary sewer system.

**§ 100-8. Authorization required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity, except those duly authorized by the township, to perform any plumbing contracting services as set forth in the various codes and ordinances of the township, including but not limited to the BOCA National Plumbing Code, 1990, Eighth Edition, as well as those rules, regulations and specifications duly adopted by the Scott Township Authority.

**§ 100-9. Licenses.**

- A. Authorization to perform plumbing contracting services may be given only by the township through the issuance of a municipal plumbing contractor's license (hereinafter called "license"). All applications for the plumbing contractor's license shall be reviewed by the township and shall be approved in accordance with the following criteria:
- (1) Applicants for a license shall furnish the following:
    - (a) The location, address, hours of business and telephone number of the business office of the applicant.
    - (b) A certificate of the applicant's worker's compensation insurance, as required by law.
    - (c) A certificate of insurance coverage providing complete third-party comprehensive, bodily injury and property damage, liability insurance, the limits of which shall not be less than one hundred thousand/three hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000./\$300,000.) for bodily injury and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.) for property damage.
  - (2) With the initial application for a license, an applicant shall submit an affidavit on a form provided by the township listing the applicant's plumbing contracting experience.
- B. Licenses shall be issued on a calendar-year basis but may be revoked or suspended by the township through its designated Code Official in accordance with the following:
- (1) The township may revoke or suspend the license immediately in the event that the plumbing contractor violates or fails to comply with any of the terms of this Article.
  - (2) The township may revoke or suspend the license for the violation of any of the provisions of the BOCA National Plumbing Code, 1990, Eighth Edition, as amended by Article I of this chapter, or the violation of any of the rules, regulations and

specifications adopted by the Scott Township Authority governing the installation, repair and maintenance of sanitary sewer lines, laterals and connections.

- (3) Any person whose license is suspended or revoked by the Code Official shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Board of Appeals. The procedure governing said appeal shall be in accordance with Section P-122.0 of the BOCA National Plumbing Code, 1990, Eighth Edition, as amended by Article I of this chapter. Any person whose license is suspended or revoked by the Code Official shall not perform any plumbing contracting services during the pendency of any appeal.

C. Conditions relating to licenses.

- (1) A license shall be issued for only one (1) year on a calendar-year basis. The annual fee for such license shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.<sup>4</sup> The license fee is not refundable and shall not be prorated. The fee shall be submitted with the application for such license. Payment shall be made by check or money order only, payable to Scott Township.<sup>5</sup>
- (2) Upon issuance of the license to the applicant, the applicant shall be issued a license number which shall be kept on record by the township.
- (3) A license may not and shall not, in any manner whatsoever, be sold, assigned, leased, transferred, conveyed or otherwise disposed of by the licensee.

**§ 100-10. Exceptions.**

- A. Nothing in the foregoing sections shall be construed to prevent individual property owners of the property or properties involved from performing the work described, exclusively, without a license, nor shall this section or any other section be construed to prohibit survey work, preparing preliminary drawings, obtaining or giving estimates and plans or specifications for a proposed project.
- B. Utility companies and employees of Scott Township and the Scott Township Authority are exempt from the licensing provisions of this Article. However, any subcontractors of utility companies or Scott Township or the Scott Township Authority shall not be exempt from these licensing provisions.

**§ 100-11. Violations and penalties.<sup>6</sup>**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600.) and costs of prosecution or, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days. Every violator of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day such violation shall

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continue and shall be subject to the penalty imposed by this section for each and every such separate offense.