

ORDINANCE NO. 5-77

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ARK. STATE PLUMBING CODE, CREATING THE OFFICE OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR, GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION OF PLUMBING, IN THE CITY OF COTTER, ARK., PROVIDING PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE THEREWITH AND OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF the City of COTTER, ARK.:

I. Definitions. Plumbing in the City of Cotter, Ark., hereinafter called "City," for the purposes of this ordinance is hereby defined as follows:

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

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

II. 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 Recorder, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the City.

III. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION.

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

b. The Plumbing Inspector shall have experience in the business of plumbing to the extent which 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.

c. It shall be the duty of the Plumbing Inspector to enforce all provisions of this ordinance and he is hereby granted authority to enter all buildings in the City, in 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.

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

IV. Applications, Permits.

a. Before commencing any plumbing work in the City 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 shall be issued permits except that 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:

1. Each building existing at time sewer system construction is completed fee \$5.00
2. Each building constructed after sewer system is completed fee \$35.00
3. With reference to "2" above, each building shall be allowed 7 plumbing fixtures and waste discharging devices. For each such fixture and/or device above 7, a fee shall be paid of 50¢ in addition to the fee set forth in "2" above.

V. Bond Required. Every Master Plumber doing business in the City 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.

VI. 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 dollars (\$100.00) together with the costs of prosecution. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

VII. All prior ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The provisions hereof are hereby declared to be separable and the invalidity of any clause, sentence or paragraph hereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

VIII. It is hereby determined and declared that an emergency exists and, this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of December, 1977.

APPROVED:

Ry Bayless Mayor

ATTEST:

ARine Recorder