

CHAPTER 4

GAS CODE

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4-401. Gas Code Adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by T.C.A. 6-54-501 et seq. and for the purposes of regulating the installation of consumer gas piping and gas appliances, 2012 International Fuel Gas Code is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Gas Code". (Ord. #395, 02/21/68; Ord. #415, 04/11/70; Ord. #420, 04/09/70; Ord. #679, 03/03/88; Ord. #738, 08/17/90; Ord. #864, 10/06/94; Ord. #934, 06/02/98; Ord. #1063, 9/7/06; Ord. #1082, 2/7/08, Ord. # 1135, 04/05/12).

4-402. Modifications. The gas code is amended to read as follows:

QUALIFIED INSTALLING AGENCY

Installation and replacement of consumer's gas piping or gas appliances and repair of consumer's gas appliances shall be performed only by or under the immediate supervision of a "qualified agency." By the term "qualified agency" is meant an individual who has been licensed by the municipality as being qualified to install, replace, repair, connect and service gas piping and appliances in accordance with the gas code. No such license shall be issued to any applicant therefore until he has been examined and found to be qualified by the board of examiners; has paid an annual license fee of \$25.00; and, has filed with the municipality evidence of a public liability bond or insurance policy in the sum of \$50,000.00 to cover any deaths, injuries, losses, or damages caused by negligent, inadequate, imperfect or defective work done by the agency while acting in the scope and course of its employment. (Ord. #541, 03/06/80).

311 – TEST OF PIPING FOR TIGHTNESS

Before any system of consumer's gas piping is finally put in service, it shall be carefully tested to assure that it is gas tight. Where any part of the system is to be enclosed or concealed, this test should precede the work of closing in. To test for tightness, the piping shall be filled with air or inert gas, but not with any other gas or liquid.

In no case shall oxygen ever be used. Gas piping shall withstand a pressure of at least sixty (60) PSIG for a period of not less than twenty (20) minutes without showing any drop in pressure, but never less than twice the maximum pressure to which the piping will be subjected in operation, for a period of not more than twenty (20) minutes without showing any drop in pressure. (Ord. #541, 03/06/80).

4-403. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6-621 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of the gas code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (Ord. #314, Sec. 2, 02/10/59, modified).

4-404. Gas permit required. No property owner shall cause or permit, not shall any person make any service connection, install, modify, or change any gas piping or any gas appliance or fixture within the municipality or its gas service territory until the person proposing to do the work shall have first obtained a permit therefore from the municipality. (Ord. #314, Sec. 6, 02/10/59, modified).

4-405. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any gas installation or repair work or to use any gas in such manner or under such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the gas code.

4-406. Enforcement. The gas inspector shall be such person as the City Manager shall appoint or designate to enforce the provisions of this chapter and the gas code. He shall inspect the installation and/or modification or repair of all gas piping, connections, appliances, and fixtures. He may enter any building or premises at any reasonable time for the discharge of his duties. He shall not approve of any gas piping installation, connection, repair, modification, or appliance which fails to meet the minimum requirements of this chapter and/or the gas code. Immediately upon completion of the inspection the gas inspected property whether or not the inspection has been satisfactory. When the inspection reveals defective workmanship or material or any violations of this chapter or the gas code, written notice of the same shall be given by the inspector, and he shall refuse gas service until the defects have been corrected. (Ord. #314, Section 6, 02/10/59, modified).

4-407. Fees. Applications for gas permits and inspections shall be made on suitable forms provided by the gas inspector. Fees for permits and inspections shall be paid by the installer and shall accompany the application in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) Residence.....\$10.00
- (2) Commercial & Industrial.....\$15.00

(Ord. # 541, Section 4-407, 03/06/80).

4-408. Board of examiners. There is hereby created and established a board of examiners consisting of the gas inspector, a representative or employee of the Paris-Henry County Public Utility District and a person who is trained and experienced in the field of natural gas installation. The latter two members shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve without compensation for two (2) years or until their successors are appointed.

Before assuming their duties all members shall subscribe to an oath before the City Recorder to discharge their duties impartially, without fear or favor and to the best of their ability.

As soon as possible after its appointment the board shall meet and organize by selecting a chairman and a secretary. The board of examiners shall thereafter meet at least once each month and two members shall constitute a quorum. It shall examine all applicants who wish to become "qualified agencies" for installing, replacing and repairing gas piping and appliances and shall certify its approval or non-approval of each such applicant to the City Recorder.

The board may revoke its approval of any "qualified agency" which fails to comply with the letter and spirit of this chapter and the gas code. (Ord. #314, Section 3 and 4, 02/10/59).