

**MINUTES**  
**OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD**  
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2014  
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

**I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Brian A. Barrett  
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman  
Brian Feyerherm  
David W. Miller, Chairman  
Christopher P. Reed  
Amy L. Schaap

**Others Present:**

James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department  
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department

**Members Absent:**

Terry Salem

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2014**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting. Second by Mr. Miller.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

**III. \*Approval of Apprenticeship Program**

14-6-98

Integrity Plumbing Inc  
14504 Grover Street  
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST    Renewal of approval of apprenticeship  
program

49-244

Mr. Tony Lukens appeared before the Board to renew Integrity Plumbing Inc apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork and it was in order. Motion to approve the renewal of Integrity Plumbing apprenticeship program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

**IV. \*Apprenticeship Agreements**

Daniel Hausman  
2233 S 86 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68124

Integrity Plumbing Inc  
14504 Grover Street  
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Daniel Hausman appeared before the Board requesting an April 1, 2014 start date in the apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Hausman with a 4-1-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

David J Allen  
1537 Grandview Avenue Apt 1  
Papillion NE 68046

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Broxton C Anderson  
36 Dillman Drive Apt 7B  
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Elliott P Bowery  
6712 Minne Lusa Blvd  
Omaha NE 68112

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Mark C Brust Jr  
3720 N 60 Street  
Omaha NE 68104

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Kyle R Dewitt  
3411 F Street  
Omaha NE 68107

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Jared S Hull  
10414 Newport Avenue  
Omaha NE 68122

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Devin R Knoblauch  
7106 S 52 Street  
Omaha NE 68157

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Matthew J Leonovicz  
2928 S 115 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68144

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Brady J Nelson  
7510 S 134 Street  
Omaha NE 68138

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Eric Rashid  
1211 S 122 Plaza  
Omaha NE 68144

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Ryan I Richardson  
4211 Victoria Avenue  
Bellevue NE 68123

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Douglas D Roach  
2620 N 194 Court Apt 2B  
Omaha NE 68022

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

The twelve apprentices listed above appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 6-16-2014 with the apprenticeship program through Plumbers Local 16. All employee ratios are in order, as well as other paperwork. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve all twelve gentlemen with a start date of 6-16-2014 in the Omaha Plumbing Board Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

Tyler J Hedges  
1121 W 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wahoo NE 68066

Plumbers Local Union #16  
4801 F Street  
Omaha NE 68117

Mr. Tyler Hedges appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 6-16-2014 with three years of credit requested for experience. Paperwork from Local 16 JAC School Transcripts were reviewed for 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 totaling 749 hours. He also has 4056 hours of on-the-job training hours documented. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Tyler Hedges as an apprentice with three years of schooling and on-the-job training credit. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

**IV. \*Cases**

14-6-99

Adam Idriss  
719 N 120 Street  
Omaha NE 68154

REQUEST Waiver as regards unisex restrooms

Location: 719 N 120 Street  
49-631

Mr. Adam Idriss presented before the Board requesting a waiver as regards unisex restroom in a grocery store located at 719 N 120 Street. Mr. Wonder stated that Mr. Idriss was red-tagged with several issues regarding the grocery store. Mr. Idriss stated that he will not have meat cuttings; it will just be packaged food. He is not preparing or serving food. It is approximately 1000 sq. ft. The Board asked if he had documentation from the Health Department regarding the three compartment sink and hand sink. Mr. Idriss stated the Health Department issued him a permit already but he did not have it with him at today's meeting. Mr. Idriss stated he does not want to give up space for another restroom. He needs the space for inventory. He is the only employee in the store. Presently there is one restroom in the space without a urinal.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver of the unisex restroom as is without the urinal for this facility for this business only with the stipulation that approval and permit from the Health Department be presented to the City. Second by Mr. Barrett.

AYES: Barrett, Reed, Schaap

NAYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller

Motion denied: 3-3. Mr. Idriss is required to install a urinal in the restroom and provide documentation from the Health Department to the Plumbing Board before approval of a waiver for a unisex restroom with urinal at a later date.

14-6-100

Jensen Well Company  
767 Iowa Street  
Blair, NE 68008

REQUEST Waiver as regards well replacement

Location: 559 Riverside Drive  
49-1510

Ms. Ann Marie Ceredona, owner of 559 Riverside Drive, presented to the Board requesting a waiver to install a replacement well. Mr. Condon will be doing the work if approved. MUD states that a 12,000' main extension would be required at a cost of approximately \$987,000 to provide water service. Therefore, the District does not oppose this waiver. Mr. Mike Connor from the Health Department stated that the properties in vicinity of this location have a community well for water use. The Health Department would prefer they use the community well for water service. Ms. Ceredona stated that she already has potable water for the house through the community well. She added that this replacement well would be used for lawn irrigation only. Mr. Wonder stated that she needs to be sure that this well installation would not impact the community well. Ms. Ceredona stated that the community association encouraged her to contact a well company for this purpose. Mr. Connor will check with Peoples Service to get confirmation on approval before drilling the well.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve this waiver for an irrigation well at 559 Riverside Drive with the stipulation that Peoples Services approves the irrigation well in the same vicinity. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-6-101  
Diane Sousley  
1677 S 152 Street  
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST Waiver as regards restrooms

Location: 1748 N 120 Street  
49-629

Ms. Diane Sousley appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards restroom. She is starting a small business regarding meal planning which includes preparing (cutting and premeasuring) the ingredients, packaging the meals, and then delivering the meals. There is no public access. Ms. Sousley is the only one at this location. The space is 400 sq ft. Ms. Sousley met with Robin Wright of the Health Department who looked over the plans and okayed the three compartment sink, mop sink, and hand sink. She stated there will be no cooking at this location. All of the meat is frozen and just needs packaged. Ms. Sousley would like to waive the second restroom. The unisex restroom does have a urinal.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for the unisex restroom with urinal as shown in the plans at this location. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-6-102  
Lyle Hendrickson  
Metropolitan Community College  
2707 Ed Babe Gomez Av  
Omaha NE 68107

REQUEST: Certification of apprentice program curriculum

49-244, 246, 247

Mr. Lyle Hendrickson and Mr. Kirk Ahrends of Metropolitan Community College appeared before the Board requesting approval of certification of the apprentice program curriculum. The class is remaining the same with the exception of adding an OSHA class so the apprentice plumbers come out of the class above and beyond what is required by code. Safety is taught in every class but this will add an extra benefit of a 10-hour construction safety card. Mr. Hendrickson is requesting approval of the extra 15 hours which would bring the program up to 730 hours of approved instructing. This would consist of five three hour classes to be held one night a week in the spring.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the certification program curriculum for Metropolitan Community College. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-6-103 *Hold over to 7/9/2014*  
Mike McAndrews  
6875 State Street  
Omaha NE 68152-1633

REQUEST Waiver as regards well installation

Location: 6875 State Street  
49-1510

Mr. Michael McAndrews appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a new well installation at 6875 State Street. MUD states that this property is part of a developmental plat called Country Club Estates. This development has recently submitted a request for water service and a main has been designed and a quote given to the developer in the amount of \$132,216 for an 8" water main extension, 750' long. Along with that cost, a connection charge in the amount of \$1,138 is also due for reimbursement to the contributor of that main. MUD does oppose this waiver. The District recommends that a water main be extended past this property and requests that the property owner be required to connect, pay all fees and discontinue use of their well for domestic purposes. Mr. McAndrews states that when he purchased the property he was under the assumption that MUD was going to bring the main past his property and would, therefore, tap the main at that time. There is a pitless well on the property that is not up to code. The Health Department's viewpoint is to abandon the old well and drill a new cased well.

The Board decided to lay this case over until 7-9-14 to give Mr. McAndrews time to have his attorney draw up legal documentation stating that when MUD installs the water main on his frontage he would abandon the well and connect to the MUD's potable water within one year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold case 49-6-103 over until 7-9-2014. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-6-104  
Chuck Helmer  
BRW Architects  
3535 Travis Street  
Dallas TX 75204

REQUEST Waiver as regards restrooms

Location: 10000 California Street  
49-636 Table 6

Mr. Chuck Helmer appeared before the Board representing Zales Jewelry at the Westroads. The current plans show one water closet and one lavatory which is back in the area of the store where merchandise is stored and repaired. For security purposes, this restroom is for employees only.

Motion was made to waive the required urinal in the unisex restroom; to waive the requirement to allow public access to the unisex restroom; and to waive the requirement of 200' distance to the nearest public restroom by Mr. Reed Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

14-6-105  
Matt Dwyer  
Green Slate Development  
450 Regency Pkwy  
Omaha NE 68114

REQUEST Waiver as unisex restroom  
  
Location: 144 S 39 Street  
49-631

Mr. Matt Dwyer appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards unisex restroom. This is an existing building called Blackstone Corner. This space is 1700 sq ft with three bays.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the unisex restroom as shown in detail G1 in the upper right-hand corner of this submitted plan for the 1700 sq ft spaces with the understanding that there will be no serving of food and will still require additional plan review with tenant finishes. Second by Amy Schaap

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Feyerherm

Motion carried 5-0-1

Amy Schaap asked to be dismissed from the meeting prior to adjournment.

## **PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PLUMBING CODE CHANGES**

Mr. Wonder discussed various changes including: Section 505 fittings Figure 1; page 871 regarding lineal drains, expansion devices, rain sensors on all new lawn sprinklers, page 208 adding tire chips, pages 41 & 42 regarding condensate and relief valves in R1 and R2 apartment complexes.

Mr. Reed made a motion to send Omaha Plumbing Code Committee's proposed Plumbing Code to the legal department for review including the verbal changes Mr. Wonder mentioned. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed

Motion carried 5-0

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Estabrook made a motion for adjournment at 3:26 pm. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed

Motion carried: 5-0.

\* = **APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING**

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