

MINUTES

OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 22, 2015
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
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:

Christopher P. Reed

Others Present:

Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department

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

II. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2015

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem

ABSTAIN: Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0-1

III. *Cases

15-4-71

Mike Leigh – Brown Church Development Group REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain

1616 30th Avenue

Kearney NE 68845

Location: 1101 S 178 Street

49-636

Pastor Craig Fischer representing All Nations Church located at 1101 S 178 Street appeared before the Board requesting a waiver to allow a single high/low drinking fountain near the restroom corridor (118, 119, 120) to be the sole drinking fountain in this facility. The church will have a break room (107) off the lobby that will accommodate for these needs. The code requires two drinking fountains for this facility. The drinking fountain and break room are both on the same side of the building. Square footage of the main floor is 15,432. The Board discussed putting another drinking fountain on the opposite side of the facility; possibly near the classrooms. Pastor Fischer stated this is new construction, and the hardship would be cost. Pastor Fischer asked if the drinking fountain would impinge on the corridor passageway. The Board told Pastor Fischer an alcove would need to be made to house the drinking fountain. Amy Schaap suggested several different locations for a second drinking fountain.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to deny the waiver to allow only one drinking fountain at 1101 S 178 Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Barrett

Motion carried 5-1; waiver denied

15-4-72

Cory Carlson – Pinnacle Construction Inc
PO Box 368
Glenwood IA 51534

REQUEST

Waiver as regards drinking fountain

Location: 1924 S 67 Street
49-636

Mr. Cody Carlson appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards drinking fountain at 1924 S 67 Street. This business is Roar Beauty Parlor at Aksarben Village. The total square footage is 1365. There are a total of six chairs and at present will employ three stylists and a receptionist. There is a break room sink, and the owner will be providing bottled water for clients and employees.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to waive the drinking fountain at 1924 S 67 Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

15-4-73

Joe Cong - Nebraska Management & Construction
Inc –
15432 Farnam Circle
Omaha NE 68154

REQUEST

Waiver as regards size of exterior grease interceptor for commercial kitchen; Protection of footings; Sewer and water service locations

Location: 721 S 72 Street
49-1109; 49-514; 49-517

Mr. Cong was not initially present when the case was called. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold case 15-4-73 over until May 13, 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to reopen case 15-4-73. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Dave Swanson with Nebraska Management Construction and Mr. Jim Hearn with Express Plumbing appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards size of exterior grease interceptor for a commercial kitchen. The private water main and gas main do not allow room to install a conventional grease interceptor. Mr. Wonder stated the City has reviewed the type of business and times of operation and stated the 250-gallon Schier interceptor will work fine.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the Schier grease interceptor at 721 S 72 Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

15-4-74
Travis Brodersen
PO Box 67
Gretna NE 68028

REQUEST Waiver as regards showers

Location: 1101 Jackson St, Suite 507
49-620

Mr. Brian Carmody and Mr. Joshua Selfridge appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards showers. The person that is going to reside at this location is in the manufacturing business and has the capability to design his own shower base. The City is interested in the final connection to the shower pan. Mr. Selfridge stated a typical shower strainer would fasten to the solid shower base. This is a hard-type plastic but will be thinner than normal. There will still be the 3.5" hole that regular showers have. It will sit in a mortar bed. There are a total of four showers in this suite – three on the main floor and one on the upper floor. Discussion included that this is not an approval to sell this shower base and would be approved for one time only for this location only.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the shower stall presented for a total of four showers for 1101 Jackson Street - Suite 507 only. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried 6-0

15-4-75
Edward J Cahalane
3106 Woolworth Ave
Omaha NE 68105

REQUEST Reinstatement of expired journeyman license

49-212

Mr. Edward Cahalane appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his expired journeyman license. He neglected to get his renewal payment in before 3/31/2015. He has already paid the quad fee penalty of \$100.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to reinstate Mr. Cahalane's expired journeyman license. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

IV. Apprenticeship Agreements

Shawn Halverson
14934 Manderson Plaza #201
Omaha NE 68116

The Frazier Company
14830 B Circle
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Shawn Halverson is requesting a start date of April 6, 2015. Ratios and documentation are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Halverson with an apprenticeship start date of 4/06/2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Matt Jennings
13716 Harrison Plaza #518
Omaha NE 68137

The Frazier Company
14830 B Circle
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Matt Jennings is requesting a start date of April 6, 2015. Ratios and documentation are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Jennings with an apprenticeship start date of 4/06/2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

John Mortale
2916 N 58 Street
Omaha NE 68104

Plumbers Local 16
4801 F Street
Omaha NE 68117

Mr. John Mortale is requesting a start date of April 22, 2015. Documentation is in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Mortale with an apprenticeship start date of 4/22/2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

V. *Journeymen Plumber Examination Applications

Todd M Allgood
7357 N 82 Avenue
Omaha NE 68122

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 Street
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Todd Allgood appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Allgood has completed his schooling. Discussion included four consecutive years totaling 7000 on-the-job training hours required for approval. More detailed documentation stating what company and years of employment and hours worked is required. Mr. Wonder offered to meet with Mr. Allgood within the next week to sort out his years of employment experience.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Todd Allgood to take the Omaha journeyman examination with the stipulation that he needs to provide documentation to the Board by Wednesday, April 29, to show four consecutive years of on-the-job training hours totaling 7000 hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Christian G Anderson
9609 S 9 Street
Bellevue NE 68147

Aksarben Heating & Air Conditioning
Inc
7070 S 108 Street
Omaha NE 68128-5748

Mr. Christian Anderson appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Anderson does not have schooling but worked in North Platte and Lincoln. He holds a State of Nebraska Grade VI water operator license and a North Platte Master Plumber license. However, North Platte is not considered an equivalent city to Omaha.

Mr. Anderson is short on-the-job training hours which require a total of 14,000 hours over an eight year period. His hours total 8033.75 hours spanning 2011-2014 with Morland Enterprises LLC in North Platte, Nebraska. Mr. Anderson was previously employed with a company in Lincoln that went out of business, and he was unable to get the records for those hours. The Board discussed a placement test that could be given in place of schooling. Mr. Anderson will contact Mr. Jim Wonder to discuss this at a later date.

Motion to deny Christopher Anderson's request to take the journeyman examination in May by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0; request denied

Paul A Barrett
1505 Y Street
Omaha NE 68107

Mr. Rooter of Omaha
14634 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Paul Barrett appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Barrett's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,792 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Paul Barrett to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Andrew DeSoe
8001 S 68 Ave Cir
La Vista NE 68128

Micro Plumbing
8988 I St
Omaha NE 68127

Mr. Andrew DeSoe appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. DeSoe's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,185.75 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Andrew DeSoe to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Jacob D Kelly
12962 Browne Cir
Omaha NE 68164

Able Plumbing
2336 Bob Boozer Dr
Omaha NE 68130

Mr. Jacob Kelly appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Kelly's schooling was completed through Associated Builders and Contractors, but his calculated school hours show a 21-hour shortage. Documentation showed 7,023 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Jacob Kelly to take the journeyman examination in May with the stipulation to verify his schooling hours totaling 696 hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Aaron C Lyons
3503 S 44 Ave
Omaha NE 68105

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover St
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Aaron Lyons appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Lyon's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,428 on-the-job training hours. However, Mr. Lyons has not completed his full four years until August 2015.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to deny Aaron Lyons to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0; request denied

James C Miller III
12302 S 124 Ave
Papillion NE 68046

Morehead Plumbing
2145 Ashwood Ave
Papillion NE 68133

Mr. James Miller III appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Miller's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7249.5 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve James Miller III to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Matthew A Noah
7644 Davis Cir
Omaha NE 68134

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Matthew Noah appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Noah's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,387 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Matthew Noah to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Maximilian A Ramirez
2307 Denise Circle
Bellevue NE 68005

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 St #100
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Maximilian Ramirez appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Ramirez's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7069.5 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Maximilian Ramirez to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Nicholas A Riesgaard
6824 S 38 Street
Omaha NE 68107

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 Street
Omaha NE 68108

Mr. Nicholas Riesgaard appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Riesgaard's schooling was completed through Associated Builders and Contractors. Documentation showed 7,836 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Nicholas Riesgaard to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Brian C Robinson
1402 Savannah Drive
Papillion NE 68133

Five Star Plumbing & Drain Inc
1402 Savannah Drive
Papillion NE 68133

Mr. Brian C Robinson appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Robinson's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 8,746 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Brian Robinson to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Nicholas C Waddell
15720 Cottonwood St
Omaha NE 68136

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 St #100
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Nicholas Waddell appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2015. Mr. Waddell's schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 9,308 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Nicholas Waddell to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

VI. *Master Plumber Examination Applications

Gilbert S Balboa
5931 Gillan Rd
Lincoln NE 68505

Midlands Mechanical Inc
8425 Wirt Street
Omaha NE 68134

Mr. Gilbert Balboa appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in May 2015. Mr. Balboa has held a City of Omaha Journeyman license since 6/05/2009.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Gilbert Balboa to take the master exam in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Joseph N Johnson
8304 N 252 St
Valley NE 68064

Mr. Joseph Johnson appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in May 2015. Mr. Johnson has held a City of Omaha Journeyman license since 6/01/2009.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Joseph Johnson to take the master exam in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Lee P Langenfeld
4436 Hickory Street
Omaha NE 68105

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106

Mr. Lee Langenfeld appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in May 2015. Mr. Langenfeld has held a City of Omaha Journeyman license since 5/23/2002.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Lee Langenfeld to take the master exam in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

James W Shymkwich
6356 S 139 Circle
Omaha NE 68137

The Frazier Company
14830 B Circle
Omaha NE 68137

Mr. Jim Shymkwich appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in May 2015. Mr. Shymkwich has held a City of Omaha Journeyman license since 7/11/2001.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve James Shymkwich to take the master exam in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Robert S Woodard, Jr.
PO Box 43
Murray NE 68409

Grunwald Mechanical Contractors &
Engineers
8720 F Street
Omaha NE 68127

Mr. Robert Woodard, Jr. appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master plumber examination in May 2015. Mr. Woodard has held a City of Omaha Journeyman license since 2/28/2011.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Robert Woodard, Jr. to take the master exam in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

VII. *Water Conditioning Contractor Examination Applications

Nathan W Murray
58433 Kidd Rd
Glenwood IA 51534

Culligan of Omaha
11615 Centennial Rd
Omaha NE 68128-5535

The Board discussed concerns regarding Mr. Murray's application. More detailed information is required.

Motion to deny Mr. Murray to take the water conditioning contractor exam by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

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

Motion carried 6-0; request denied

VIII. *Water Conditioning Installer Examination Applications

Timothy M Curran
4659 Woolworth Ave
Omaha NE 68106

Culligan of Omaha
11615 Centennial Rd
Omaha NE 68128-5535

The Board discussed concerns regarding Mr. Curran's application. More information is required.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Timothy Curran to take the water conditioning installer exam with the stipulation that more documentation to prove one year of experience in water conditioning appliances is received within one week. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Steven R Hempel, Jr.
7332 Frederick Ave
La Vista NE 68128

Culligan of Omaha
11615 Centennial Rd
Omaha NE 68128-5535

The Board discussed concerns regarding Mr. Hempel's application. More information is required.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Steven Hempel, Jr. to take the water conditioning installer exam with the stipulation that more documentation to prove one year of experience in water conditioning appliances is received within one week. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Pat Jepsen
16629 Oak St
Omaha NE 68130

Culligan of Omaha
11615 Centennial Rd
Omaha NE 68128-5535

The Board discussed concerns regarding Mr. Jepsen's application. More information is required.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Pat Jepsen to take the water conditioning installer exam with the stipulation that more documentation to prove one year of experience in water conditioning appliances is received within one week. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Michael J Owen
910 S 67 Street
Omaha NE 68106

Culligan of Omaha
11615 Centennial Rd
Omaha NE 68128-5535

The Board discussed concerns regarding Mr. Owen's application. More information is required.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Michael Owen to take the water conditioning installer exam with the stipulation that more documentation to prove one year of experience in water conditioning appliances is received within one week. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

IX. Sewer Layer Examination Applications (13)

Jeremy T Boyce
17028 Sprague Street
Omaha NE 68116

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Joel Bragg
11311 S 358 Street
Murdock NE 68407

Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc
13109 S 144th St
Louisville NE 68037

Kevin W Brown Jr
4814 N 96 Street
Omaha NE 68134

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Willie D Brye
4109 N 22 Street
Omaha NE 68110

Brye Services
4109 N 22 Street
Omaha NE 68110

Jacob M Drewes
1618 ½ Thayer Street
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Kaleb K Drewes
1600 Thayer Street
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Leonardo Flores
9815 Park Drive Apt 9
Omaha NE 68127

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Gustavo Martinez
5110 N 139 Avenue
Omaha NE 68164

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Rex A Roberts Jr
605 S Washington Street
Papillion NE 68046-2654

Telcom Construction
13231 Centennial Rd Suite 4
Omaha NE 68138

Benjamin R Scheer
PO Box 72
Arlington NE 68002

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Spencer C Tiller
10513 Sahler Plaza
Omaha NE 68134

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Elliott D Wagner
301 S 6 Street
Plattsmouth NE 68048

Valley Corporation
28001 Ida Circle
Valley NE 68064-8013

Devon Wheat
14204 Greenfield Road
Omaha NE 68138

Gear Bolt Technologies
14204 Greenfield Road
Omaha NE 68138

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the 13 people listed above and 11 people currently taking Mr. Wonder's sewer layer class to take the sewer layer examination in May 2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

X. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (4)

Josh W Cox
Ethan Graham
Kiefer Moody
Daniel Nelson

Plumbing Specialties
Dave Janke Plumbing
Radden Plumbing
Plumbing Specialties

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Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the four apprentice renewals listed above. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

XI. Discussion

Mr. Wonder stated the new plumbing code has come out of the Legal Department, and additional editing still needs to be completed.

Continuing education sign-in sheets are required to be kept for three years by the providers of the classes per the Plumbing Board Policies.

Waiver of 49 people for FSCAN was approved.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Amy Schaap at 3:05 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

***APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.**

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