

MINUTES

OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2016
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
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap

Others Present:

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2015

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from December 9, 2015. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

III. Election of Officers for 2016

Mr. Estabrook nominated David Miller as Chairman of the Plumbing Board for 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Miller

Motion carried: 6-0-1

Mr. Miller nominated Jeff Estabrook as Vice-Chairman of the Plumbing Board for 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Miller introduced Mike Connor as the representative for the Douglas County Health Department, replacing Allen Brown.

IV. *Cases

15-12-161 *Held over from 12/09/2015*
Trevor Wraight – Spears Mfg Co
4205 Newpoint Pl Suite 100
Lawrenceville GA 30043

REQUEST Discussion as regards Interpretation of Section
49-806(b)

49-806(b)

12/09/2015

Mr. Trevor Wraight with Spears Mfg. Company appeared before the Board requesting interpretation of Section 49-806(b) in the 2015 Plumbing Code. Mr. Wraight is inquiring if his product is equal to the minimum standards listed in the plumbing code. Mr. Reed stated he is unfamiliar with the information provided today and suggested the Board take some time to research Mr. Wraight's information. The Board agreed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold case 15-12-161 over until the January 13, 2016 board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

1/13/2016

Mr. Kelly Kracht representing Spears Mfg. Company appeared before the Board. This case was held over from 12-09-2015 so Chris Reed could research the materials. Mr. Reed stated Section 49-806(b) in the 2015 Plumbing Code indicates that "Rigid Vinyl Compounds with a Cell Class of 24448 for pipe and 23447 for fittings as required per ASTM D1784." Mr. Reed stated the 24448 has a higher impact rating and a higher deflection at temperature. Both classifications are suitable for potable water piping. There are two cell classifications for water piping, but Omaha's code only recognizes the one. Mr. Reed recommended allowing Spears 23447 to be recognized as an equivalent to Omaha's code requirement for piping. We already recognize the 23447 for fittings.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow Spears CPVC piping with a cell classification of 23447 to be considered an equivalent to the requirement of Section 49-806(b) in the Omaha code. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

15-12-173 *Held over from 12/09/2015*

Lisa Peterson - Dan D Auto & Ski
4669 Leavenworth Street
Omaha NE 68106

REQUEST Waiver as regards Type I interceptor required

Location: 4671 Leavenworth Street
49-1141 ; 2010 Code

12/09/2015

Ms. Lisa Peterson appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a Type I interceptor at 4671 Leavenworth Street. Ms. Peterson stated this is a storage garage that would be used to store and park seasonal-use items and vehicles year round. They had storage rented at 708 S Saddle Creed Road that Nebraska Medical Center purchased. They are trying to replace lost storage space and free up the existing garage at 4669 Leavenworth St. The new garage offers covered, dry, and secure storage at the business location.

Mr. Wonder stated this is an auto dealership. The City noted that it would have cars stored. It was then brought to the City's attention that it was to be storage for ATV with plow, snowmobiles, jet skis, motorcycles, etc. The City then tagged this business for a Type I interceptor. Ms. Peterson stated this was built on an adjacent lot where the cars are parked. This is a 30x24 garage which will house some new inventory and some of their own motorized vehicles. There is no electricity or water, no drains or restrooms in this building. They will not be servicing anything in this building. There is a lot of crime in the area and the building will help give a perimeter to their property. Mr. Barrett inquired if there is a sewer around this building. Ms. Peterson did not know the answer to that question. Ms. Peterson said the building is already up and that no one mentioned drains were required.

Mr. Michel Mason, City of Omaha MEP Plans Examiner stated that it was noted on the plans that were submitted. Mr. Mason did look at the City approved plans today that Ms. Peterson brought with her and read his notation on the plans stating, "No occupancy; storage only; no repair of motorized vehicle or machinery is permitted under this permit. No mechanical or plumbing work is permitted at this time. Electrical should comply with 2014 MEC." Mr. Mason stated he conditionally made it so none of that work could be performed there.

The Board discussed the types of vehicles with oils and gases that will be stored there. Ms. Peterson stated all of that information was in the letter she submitted before the plans were approved. Ms. Peterson stated there was miscommunication with her builder. She came to a Plumbing Board meeting on 1/14/2015 but was not on the agenda. Her builder told her the plans wouldn't have been approved if there wouldn't have been a waiver passed. Ms. Peterson never applied for a Plumbing Board waiver until present.

Motion by Mr. Reed to hold over case 15-12-173 until January 13, 2016 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

1/13/2016

This case was held over so Jim Wonder could review past emails and information. Ms. Lisa Petersen appeared before the Board today. Mr. Wonder reviewed past correspondence and recommended to the Board that they waive the Type I interceptor. Mr. Reed agreed stating there are no floor drains, and Ms. Petersen stated there are no utilities to this building.

Mr. Reed made a motion to waive the requirement of the Type I interceptor at 4671 Leavenworth Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-1
Jim Wonder
4828 Lockwood Cir
Omaha NE 68152

REQUEST Renewal of continuing education provider, instructor,
class(es)

49-218

Mr. Wonder is requesting approval of provider, instructor, and class(es) for continuing education.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Wonder for continuing education provider, instructor and classes identical to the previous approvals. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-2
Adam Cramm – Alley Poyner Macchietto Architect
1516 Cuming St
Omaha NE 68102

REQUEST Waiver as regards unisex toilet rooms

Location: 1110 N 66 St

49-631

Mr. Adam Cramm and Mr. Daric O'Neal appeared before the Board requesting to designate an existing restroom on the lower level as a staff restroom at the Phoenix Academy. The requirement for the school is that they have restrooms for the students and separate restrooms for the faculty. The lower level is a gymnasium and library. They are requesting a unisex restroom on this lower level. They have the appropriate requirements on the upper level. Mr. Wonder stated he and Michel Mason, City Plans Examiner, would support this if the unisex restroom has a urinal.

Mr. Cramm stated they are requesting to leave one of the current restrooms as a unisex lower level staff restroom. It does not have a urinal at present. Mr. O'Neal inquired if they could just leave the two restrooms as is and label them male and female. Mr. Reed clarified that a unisex restroom requires a urinal. Restrooms labeled male and female do not require a urinal.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the unisex restroom with the stipulation that the urinal be added in this restroom. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-3

Jason Unger – G&S Inc
14202 Hillside Circle
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST Waiver as regards restroom requirements
Location: 1515 S 204 Street, Suite 104
49-708(b)

Mr. Jason Unger and Ms. Ellen Edson Quattrocchi appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding restroom requirements at Great Clips at South 204 Street, Suite 104. Mr. Unger stated the revised square footage of the salon is 1293 square feet. Mr. Wonder stated they fall within the square footage to have a unisex restroom. Mr. Wonder stated during plan review the City looks at the number of stations in the space and with this configuration the optimum number of stylists would be four, maybe five with a receptionist.

Mr. Estabrook inquired if this is new construction. Mr. Unger stated it is new construction. Mr. Unger also stated the scheduling graph shows they do have 3-4 employees at most at any one time. He stated they do not have a receptionist; the stylists make their own appointments.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver to use a unisex restroom for Great Clips at the referenced address above with the understanding that the calculations were based on 50% staff occupancy of the stations provided. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-4

Elder-Jones Inc
1120 E 80 Street, Suite 211
Bloomington MN 55420

REQUEST Waiver as regards determining fixture count; occupancy groups; minimum facilities for occupied nonresidential buildings; right of use of restrooms in businesses by customers
Location: 3427 L Street
49-720; 49-721; 49-703; 49-705

Steve Ragas with Cox Communications is in attendance for their contractor, Elder-Jones Inc. Mr. Ragas is requesting a waiver at 3427 L Street regarding determining fixture count; occupancy groups; minimum facilities for occupied nonresidential buildings; right of use of restrooms in businesses by customers. Mr. Wonder stated during plan review the building code classifies this as class V occupancy which from the plumbing standpoint would use Table 5. Mr. Ragas would like to use Table 6 for fixture count and not be put into the classification as business occupancy which would put them into Table 5. The City is not opposed to this waiver. Mr. Ragas said customers come in and inquire about internet, TV, telephone, security systems, etc. They sell services. The customers are in and out.

Amy Schaap inquired about the third request regarding right of use of restrooms in businesses by customers. Mr. Wonder stated the City would not support the waiver regarding use of restrooms in businesses by customers. Mr. Wonder stated the City would prefer the door be removed so the public would have clear accessibility to the restrooms. Mr. Ragas was in agreement with this statement.

Mr. Reed made a motion to grant a waiver for Cox Communications to use Table 6 as retail establishment for fixture requirements with the stipulation that the restrooms be clearly accessible to the customers. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-5

Millard Sprinkler Inc
15328 Davenport Circle
Omaha NE 68154

REQUEST

Renewal of continuing education provider, instructor,
class(es)

49-218

Millard Sprinkler is requesting renewal of provider, instructor, and classes for continuing education. There will be no changes from prior approved classes.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Millard Sprinkler Inc for continuing education provider, instructors, and classes as previously approved in the past. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-6

Chad Rowley – SiteOne Landscape Supply
2305 S 156 Circle
Omaha NE 68130

REQUEST

Renewal of continuing education provider, instructor,
class(es)

49-218

Mr. Luke White representing SiteOne Landscape Supply (formerly named John Deere Landscapes) appeared before the Board. Mr. White is requesting renewal of continuing education provider, instructor, and classes.

Motion by Mr. Eastabrook to approve SiteOne Landscape as a provider for continuing education for lawn sprinkler contractors. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Motion by Mr. Eastabrook to renew Mr. Doug Stewart as an instructor for continuing education for lawn sprinkler contractors and installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Jon Miller is a new instructor. Mr. Wonder stated this instructor could be audited. Motion by Mr. Eastabrook to approve Jon Miller as an instructor for continuing education for lawn sprinkler contractors and installers with this class being audited. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Motion by Mr. Eastabrook to renew Mr. Steve Linder as an instructor for continuing education for lawn sprinkler contractors and installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

The classes include Two Wire Training – Proper Installation and Troubleshooting of Hunter’s I-Core and ACC Two Wire Controllers; Two Wire Training – Proper Installation and Troubleshooting of Rain Bird’s ESPLXD Two Wire Controller and IQ Central. Both classes are for four credit hours each.

Motion by Mr. Easterbrook to renew both Hunter’s and Rain Bird’s four-hour classes for continuing education for lawn sprinkler contractors and installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-1-7
Steve Gosch– G&S Inc
14202 Hillside Circle
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST Waiver as regards restroom requirements
Location: 1515 S 204 Street #102
49-708

Mr. Steve Gosch appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding restroom requirements at 1515 S 204 Street Suite 102 for Millard Veterinary Clinic. Mr. Gosch is requesting two unisex restrooms instead of one men’s and one women’s restrooms. The square footage is 1600. They would like a unisex restroom in the front and also a unisex restroom in the back so when they are doing procedures the staff would have that restroom to use. Mr. Wonder stated the City supports this waiver.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve a waiver for two unisex restrooms in this 1600 square foot facility at the address above. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

V. Apprenticeship Agreements

Randall C Sheard
3004 Arbor St
Omaha NE 68105

Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer Service
6262 Lindbergh Dr
Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Randall Sheard presented before the Board requesting a start date of 8-24-2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Randall Sheard with a start date of 8-24-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
Motion carried: 7-0

Samuel Justis Allen
12946 Camden Ave
Omaha NE 68164

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Samuel Allen was not in attendance at today's meeting per The Waldinger Corp. His start date will be 30 days credit beginning on 12/13/2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Salem to approve Samuel Allen with a start date of 12-13-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Wonder stated The Waldinger Corp does not have an Apprentice Program in place at the present time. Mr. Salem made a motion to reopen Samuel Allen's Apprenticeship Agreement. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Discussion ensued as to approving the Waldinger Apprentice Agreements contingent on the company applying for an Apprentice Program at the next meeting on February 10, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Samuel Allen with a start date of 12-13-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program upon approval of The Waldinger Corp's Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Patrick John Caniglia
4328 Decatur St
Omaha NE 68111

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Patrick Caniglia presented before the Board requesting a start date of 8-24-2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Patrick Caniglia with a start date of 8-24-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program upon approval of The Waldinger Corp's Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Justin Tyler Edwards
5110 N 60 Ave
Omaha NE 68104

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Justin Edwards presented before the Board requesting a start date of 9-02-2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Justin Edwards with a start date of 9-02-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program upon approval of The Waldinger Corp's Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Jacob R Julian
5103 S 46 Ave
Omaha NE 68117

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Jacob Julian was not in attendance at today's meeting per The Waldinger Corp. His start date will be 30 days credit beginning on 12/13/2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Jacob Julian with a start date of 12-13-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program upon approval of The Waldinger Corp's Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

E Grant Thompson
2112 Randall Dr
Bellevue NE 68005

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. E Grant Thompson presented before the Board requesting a start date of 9-28-2015. Documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Grant Thompson with a start date of 9-28-2015 in the Omaha Apprentice Program upon approval of The Waldinger Corp's Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (43)

Ryan O Adams	ABC	Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc
Ian A Begemann	ABC	Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc
Casey Bonham	Local 16	Eyman Plumbing
Skyler Bybee	Completed	Dave Janke Plumbing
Michael Calderon	Metro	Dave Janke Plumbing
Andrew Domina	Metro	Russell Plumbing
Steve Douthit	Completed	Burton Plumbing
Michael Dykstra	Metro	Schulte Plumbing
Tanner Edwards	Local 16	Ray Martin Co
Jeff S Evans	Completed	W Thomas & Son Inc
James N Franklin	Local 16	The Waldinger Corp
Patrick Gobel	Completed	TSI Mechanical
Erik Gutierrez	ABC	Vincentini Plumbing
Andrew J Harford	Local 16	TSI Mechanical LLC
Travis Henderson	Metro	The Frazier Co
Justin K Howell	Completed	Paragon Plumbing
Jack Hytrek	Metro	Radden Plumbing
Rick Kalhorn	Completed	Butch the Plumber
Andrew Kidder	ABC	Red D Plumbing
Charley Kidder	ABC	Red D Plumbing
Michael J Larson	Completed	Dave Janke Plumbing
Joe Litke	Metro	Thermal Services
Anthony Mann	Metro	Harris Plumbing
Caleb Maris	Local 16	Rockbrook Plumbing
Paul May	Local 16	The Waldinger Corp
Shaun J McWilliams	Local 16	Ray Martin Co
Michael S Meng	Local 16	Eyman Plumbing
Zachary M Olsen	Local 16	Tritz Plumbing
Tyler J Ostronic	Local 16	Ray Martin Co
Michael A Payne	Metro	Thermal Services
Jeffery S Pease	ABC	OCB Plumbing
Jeremy Pote	Local 16	TSI Mechanical LLC
Chris Pyle	ABC	B&B Plumbing Services
Daniel Read	Local 16	The Waldinger Corp
Tanner E Reese	ABC	Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc
Matthew Santee	Local 16	Ray Martin Co
Skylar Schulz	ABC	Tony Leonardo Plumbing Inc
Joshua A Smith	ABC	OCB Plumbing
Robert Stokes	Metro	Raven Plumbing
James J Synowiecki	ABC	W Thomas & Son Inc
Darren Vacek	ABC	B&B Plumbing Services
Jacob D Wachter	Local 16	Eyman Plumbing
Thomas E Weeks	Local 16	The Waldinger Corp

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the 43 apprentice renewals for 2016 listed above. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VII. Discussion

Clarification of the new code reexamination changes stated in 49-204(c) starts with November 2015 examinations. Therefore, if failed testing in November 2015, February 2016, May 2016, and August 2016, an applicant would then have to wait 180 days before the fifth and six attempts.

Clarification of continuing education renewals: If the provider, instructors, and classes remain the same, a representative does not need to be present at the Board meeting. If there are any changes, the Board wants a representative in attendance at the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Salem. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

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

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