MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 11, 2016
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Brian 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
Dennis Jones, City of Omaha Planning Department
Michel Mason, City of Omaha Planning Department

Others Absent:
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

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

II. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2016

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from April 27, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0-1

III. *Cases

16-4-59 Held over from 4/27/2016
Cataldo Leo
3716 S 119 Street
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST Waiver as regards plumbing examinations

Plumbing Board Policies

4/27/2016

Mr. Leo appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding Board Policies. Mr. Leo stated he took the exam in November 2015 and then he could not make it to the second test in February due to personal reasons. He is present today requesting to postpone testing until November, 2016 for his second try. Mr. Cataldo will discuss his situation with Mr. Wonder privately, and Mr. Wonder will forward his recommendation to Mr. David Miller.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over case 16-4-59 until the next Plumbing Board meeting on 5/11/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
5/11/2016
Mr. Cataldo Leo did not call Mr. Wonder regarding his personal reasons for missing the exam, therefore, Mr. Estabrook made a motion to file Case 16-4-59. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-5-68 Held over to 5/25/2016
Hons Lierman
2606 N 143 Street
Omaha NE 68164

REQUEST Approval of well installation
Location: 24215 Newport Avenue
49-1503

Mr. Mike Connor with the Health Department requested to hold this case over until they receive further information from the home owner.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold over Case 16-4-59 to the May 25, 2016 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

16-5-69
Matt Herzog – Project Advocates
120 South 31 Avenue, Suite 5101
Omaha NE 68131

REQUEST Waiver as regards unisex restroom
Location: 2602 Harney Street
49-708

Mr. Matt Herzog appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a shower room and office unisex restroom which are additional to the required fixtures. The owner has limited space and would prefer no urinal in the shower room to maximize shower space/use. The unisex restroom in the office area replaces two existing non-accessible restrooms which will be used by staff. The existing area will not accommodate a urinal. Mr. Herzog stated this is a facility for youth emergency services in Omaha which serves homeless children. The building currently being used is rundown, and the organization is raising money to renovate and improve the facilities. This facility is primarily used as an assembly space where children are counselled, feed, and able to get cleaned up. Donations from the community are also received at this location.

Mr. Chris Reed stated his firm is involved in the project so he will abstain from voting. He did mention that the shower room and the unisex restroom marked 126 and 131 respectively on the plans are additional fixtures that would not be required by the count. The square footage is 2700 and sized for 50 children.

Mr. Michel Mason with the Planning Department said the City supports this waiver with the stipulation that the waiver be approved per the City-approved drawings. Mr. Mason stated that initially there was a door in the original drawing that the City requested to be removed because it tied into an adjacent tenant space. As long as they do not put in that door, the City is
agreeable to this waiver. Mr. Herzog confirmed that he did remove the door in room 132 on the drawings because other issues came up with it.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver in rooms 126 and 131 to allow no urinal in the shower room or the office unisex restroom per the City-approved drawings with the stipulation regarding removal of the door in room 132. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 6-0-1

16-5-70
Chad Heiden – Architectural Wall Systems LLC  REQUEST  Waiver as regards unisex restroom; drinking fountain
8415 Blondo St
Omaha NE 68134
Location: 8415 Blondo Street
49-708; 49-607

Mr. Chad Heiden appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding the unisex restroom in the shop area and a drinking fountain. Architectural Wall Systems purchased the space from Husker Glass. During an inspection for a certificate of occupancy, Mr. Heiden was informed he needed a women’s restroom. Mr. Heiden stated he would like to remove one of three water closets and replace it with a urinal in the current shop restroom and make it a unisex. There are men’s and women’s restrooms in the office area. There are seven employees in the office and two in the shop. The shop area is used for assembly of windows. Mr. Salem inquired about the number of walk-in customers. Mr. Heiden replied, “There are zero walk-in customers.” He also stated there are no women employed in the office.

Mr. Heiden stated he also was told he needed a drinking fountain. Due to the number of employees, the Board agreed that he falls within the 25 occupant limit. There is a kitchen sink that people can use and also bottled water.

Mr. Salem made a motion to approve the two waivers and leave the restrooms as is. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried: 5-2
Ms. Heather Bell appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a unisex restroom. This business is Cheers, A Paint and Sip, LLC. Ms. Bell stated the City is requiring a urinal be added in the restroom. Mr. Michel Mason stated the City supports this waiver due to the fixture count being met without the urinal for their occupancy. Ms. Bell stated she had her plans readjusted due to the statement that a urinal was required. Her business offers painting classes and other art projects directed towards women, although men are certainly welcome for date nights. The two water closets on the north side are the women’s restroom, and the water closet on the south side is the men’s restroom. Mr. Mason clarified that a urinal is not needed to meet fixture count.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow construction of the plan as shown without a urinal in the men’s restroom. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried:  7-0

Mr. Brad Marr and Mr. Ben Taxman appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture count. Mr. Taxman stated Mr. Marr is able to expand his business into a new space. This is Lot 2 Restaurant and Wine Bar. Mr. Taxman stated the waiver is a request to not add an additional women’s water closet. Mr. Marr stated the expansion will seldom be used at the same time as the restaurant. This space will also be used as a classroom and tasting room.

Mr. Reed clarified that the addition is the 43’0” x 14’3” space shown on the drawing. Mr. Mason stated that there was no furniture layout provided for the tasting room when the permit was applied for. Review of the plan based on the area calculations put them over 50 which would require an additional women’s water closet. Mr. Mason requested a furniture layout to see how the space will actually be used in the existing space and additional space. Mr. Marr stated the tasting room will be used primarily in the daytime when the restaurant is not open. There will be wine tasting and cooking classes during that time. The kitchen is so small there is no intention to use it for private parties.

Mr. Mason told the applicant that a waiver would be needed regarding the additional water closet for the women based on the initial drawings at 60 occupancy load. Mr. Mason stated that based on the floor layout provided at today’s meeting, there are 48 seats which falls under the 50 occupancy load. Mr. Mason stated that he has approved plans in the past when the seating occupancy comes within 10%. Ms. Schaap stated she prefers to look at the age of the building and the size of space rather than occupancy load and what the space is supposed to be used for. The question was raised if in the future more space was acquired would the waiver stand. Ms. Schaap replied that another waiver would need to be applied for if more tenant space was acquired. Mr. Marr stated that the adjacent space currently is leased by another tenant and is not available at this time.
Mr. Reed made a motion to waive one women’s water closet for this business at this location based on the floor plan proposed at this meeting with the stipulation that any changes to this floor plan would be subject to additional fixtures and additional review in the future. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Ty Egbert appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture requirements. This is Primrose Schools Daycare. During plan review Mr. Egbert was told that a urinal needed to be added in a men’s restroom and to do some renaming of the restrooms. Mr. Egbert stated he has no problem with renaming some of the restrooms, but the urinal kills a storage room and impedes into a classroom. A second reason is that of the 22 required staff, male employees consist of a very small ratio. Discussion included waiving the ratio from 50:50 women to men to a 60:40 split women to men. This would allow for the reduction of the fixture count.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve a 60:40 women’s to men’s ratio for this daycare. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

NAYS: Schaap

Motion carried: 6-1

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements

Harold W Hodges III            Andersen Plumbing Inc
12505 Ponca Road              849 252 Street
Omaha NE 68112                Waterloo NE 68069

Mr. Harold Hodges and Mr. Jared Walvoord appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 1/04/2016. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant Mr. Hodges an apprenticeship start date of 1/04/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Paul Mancuso and Mr. Jim Peterson appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 1/01/2016 per documentation provided. Mr. Peterson stated Paul actually started on 10/05/2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant Mr. Mancuso an apprenticeship start date of 1/01/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

V. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (3)

Jordan Cornay  Metro  Micro Plumbing  
Nathan Holmes  Metro  K&M Plumbing  
Brady Nelson  Local 16  Local 16

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

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VI. Discussion

Amy Schaap will not be here for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session to review plumbing examinations at 2:32 p.m. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Journeyman Plumber Examinations given May 9, 2016

Paul Barrett
1505 Y Street
Omaha NE 68107
Mr. Rooter Plumbing
14634 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144

Brandon J Behney
18484 Cornhusker Rd
Omaha NE 68136
Dave Janke Plumbing Inc
15013 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144

Steve E Douthit
4905 S 99 Street
Omaha NE 68127
Burton Plumbing Services Inc
5010 F St
Omaha NE 68117

Francis E Golwitzer – NO SHOW

Casey M Jahns – NO SHOW

Brandon K Kontor
1247 Woodland Dr
Fremont NE 68025
A Raymond Plumbing
24037 195 Street
Crescent IA 51526

Scott J Larson
3000 Farnam St Suite 6G
Omaha NE 68131
Maple Leaf Plumbing
1704 S 94 St
Omaha NE 68124

Christopher J Lathrop
616 N 151 Circle
Omaha NE 68154
Precise Contracting & Plumbing
13109 S 144 Street
Louisville NE 68037

Chad M Minahan
3310 S 91 St
Omaha NE 68124
Blake Plumbing
5606 S 152 Street
Omaha NE 68137

Andrew D Minich
2429 Fontenelle Blvd
Omaha NE 68104
Dave Janke Plumbing
15013 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144

Matthew A Noah
7644 Davis Circle
Omaha NE 68134
Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68138
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Kristopher C Norman
2507 S 148 Ave Cir
Omaha NE 68144

Two Men and a Snake Inc
14919 A Cir
Omaha NE 68144

Roger J Nowatzke
14755 Boyd Street
Omaha NE 68116

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

Aaron Perry
12622 Anne Street
Omaha NE 68137

Express Plumbing
17410 Storage Road Suite B
Omaha NE 68136

David H Phillips
15124 Martin Ave
Omaha NE 68116

The Waldinger Corp
8802 S 121 Street
La Vista NE 68128

Jonathan M Riesgaard
6824 S 38 Street
Omaha NE 68107

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 26 Street
Omaha NE 68108

Nicholas A Riesgaard
7305 S 41 Street
Omaha NE 68147

Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 26 Street
Omaha NE 68108

Thomas R Smith
12085 Elmwood Dr
Bennington NE 68007

Southwest Mechanical Inc
13445 Rainwood Rd
Omaha NE 68142

Donald P Spittler Jr
7029 N 65 Avenue
Omaha NE 68152

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68128

Kyler J Wolf
16507 Yates St
Omaha NE 68116

Wonder Plumbing Inc
7811 S 134 Street #100
Omaha NE 68128
Master Plumber Examinations given May 9 & 10, 2016

John A Ellis – NO SHOW

Joseph N Johnson – NO SHOW

Matthew C Kean
14724 Borman Street
Omaha NE 68138

Universal Plumbing LLC
14724 Borman Street
Omaha NE 68138

Alexander D McCoy
9403 N 60 Street
Omaha NE 68152

Jim Stearns Plumbing Inc
9403 N 60 Street
Omaha NE 68152

Benjamin M Peters
16449 Fowler Avenue
Omaha NE 68116

ProPlumb Inc
3115 S 173 Street
Omaha NE 68130-2167

Roger D Rieke
129 Cedar Cir
Bellevue NE 68005

Burton Plumbing Services Inc
5010 F St
Omaha NE 68117

Patrick B Roseland
2308 N 174 Street
Omaha NE 68116

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover St
Omaha NE 68106

Bryson L Schmidt
17109 Burdette Street
Omaha NE 68116

Gavrooden Inc dba Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Omaha
14503 Grover St #107
Omaha NE 68144

Shane Vath
15463 Robin Drive
Omaha NE 68138

Universal Plumbing LLC
14724 Borman Street
Omaha NE 68138

Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination given May 10, 2016

Robert L Skardski
7516 S 103 Avenue
La Vista NE 68128
Sewer Layer Contractor Examinations given May 10, 2016

Codie Barnhart
Paul S Carson
Marc A Chamberlain
Nathaniel D Clark
Cornell O Dunbar
Thomas Gonzales
Michael D Hansen
Connor S Henderson
John Herman
James R Hohn
Brandon S Kildow
Christopher R Larrick
Quintin K Martin
Homero Ramirez-Perez – No Show
Duane Pruett
Glen A Schroeder
Randy Sheard
Matthew A Stolzenburg
Michael Taylor

Executive Session ended at 3:05 by mutual consent.

*APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.

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