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

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

II. Examination Reviews

Matt Kean
Robert Paltani – No Show

III. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2016

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from August 10, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Feyerherm, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0-2

IV. *Cases

16-8-114
Yong Duo Liu
13805 Industrial Road
Omaha NE 68137
REQUEST Waiver as regards fixture requirements
Location: 13805 Industrial Road
49-722

Mr. Yong Liu appeared before the Board requesting waiver regarding fixture requirements. This is a cabinet and granite retail stop with a showroom. Mr. Liu stated there will only be three employees. This is an existing building with one restroom. The business is approximately 4300 square feet with warehouse taking up 2209 square feet. Mr. Miller inquired if there will be an opportunity for the business to grow. Mr. Liu stated if he does grow that he would probably move to another location. Mr. Liu’s hardship is that there will not be a lot of people occupying the space to need an additional restroom. Mr. Wonder stated the Planning Department is opposed to this waiver.
Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny this waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Waiver Denied

Mr. Patrick Caniglia and Mr. Pat Wonder appeared before the Board seeking approval to test out of first year apprenticeship school. Mr. Pat Wonder stated Patrick Caniglia has been a registered apprentice for one year and also was a residential wireman with the National Electrical Contractors Association. Due to his technical background and his year of apprenticeship experience, Mr. Wonder thinks it would be in Patrick Caniglia’s best interested to try to test out of the first year apprenticeship school. Mr. Caniglia stated he has been in the building trade for many years and is familiar with the tools and mathematics involved that the first year focuses on.

Mr. Miller inquired about previous plumbing school. Patrick Caniglia stated school had already started when he started with Waldinger last August. He stated he was employed and registered as a plumbing apprentice with The Waldinger Corporation from 1/13/2016 with a start date of August 24, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Caniglia to trying testing out of first year apprentice schooling. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Ms. Dominga Rangel and Mr. Daniel Sepulveda appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding traps and tubing on the shampoo bowls. This is Salon Nouveau located at 1917 Missouri Avenue. Ms. Rangel stated the tilt on the shampoo bowl is made by the factory for the comfort of the client. Mr. Wonder stated the Board has approved waivers in the past for 18” on the trap connector.

Mr. Reed made a motion to grant the waiver to allow flexible trap connector with a maximum length of 18” per the manufacturer’s recommendations. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Darin Blair – Carlson West Povondra Architects
5060 Dodge Street
Omaha NE 68132

REQUEST Waiver as regards determining fixture count
Location: 3706 Maple Street

Mr. Darin Blair and Mr. Jon Carlson appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture counts at King Elementary School. The locker rooms within King Elementary were constructed to serve a pool facility originally owned by the City of Omaha. The City ceased operation of the pool in 2006, and it has since fallen into disrepair. Mr. Blair stated that neither the City, or OPS, has any plans to repair the pool or reopen the facility. OPS is requesting a waiver for the required plumbing fixtures for the pool so that the locker rooms can be converted into a storm shelter to serve the school population. Mr. Blair clarified that the restrooms adjacent to the pool will remain, but the locker room fixtures will be removed. The Wonder stated that the Planning Department wanted on record that the school came before the Board for this approval.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver of fixtures as proposed with the stipulation that the pool remain nonfunctioning at this facility. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Shyla Evans – Heavenly Arms Child Care
5962 Wenninghoff Rd
Omaha NE

REQUEST Waiver as regards space requirement for non-handicapped plumbing fixtures; water closets; fixture requirement tables
Location: 3823 Florence Bd

Mr. Dawanda Johnson, Sr. appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding several items that were tagged during a plumbing inspection. Mr. Johnson stated his wife is wanting to open a daycare at this location and needs to know what is required to bring it up to code in order to receive the certificate of occupancy. Mr. Johnson stated that this facility was operational for three to four years.

The first item is need spacing of 4” clearance on sides of lavatories and 30” center. Second item includes elongated bowls and open front seats less lids. The third item is regarding a mop sink. The plumbing inspector stated it is required but the Plumbing Board will defer that item to the Douglas County Health Department. Mr. Salem inquired if there is enough space to fix the lavatories. Mr. Johnson stated one of the sinks is butted up against the wall. Mr. Barrett inquired if this restroom is used for the children only. Mr. Johnson stated, “Yes, it is just used by the kids. There are separate restrooms for the staff.” Mr. Johnson stated they will take children from 6 weeks of age to 12 years old. Mr. Barrett mentioned that elongated bowls do not work well for little children.

Mr. Miller inquired if they will be cooking food for the children at this location. Mr. Johnson stated, “No, there is not a hood in the kitchen so we will import food until we can afford a hood.” Mr. Connor inquired if there is a mop sink in there now. Mr. Johnson replied, “No, there is not.” Mr. Connor stated that he will contact the daycare inspectors regarding the air gap and the mop sink.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver of the lavatory spacing to match what is existing; to waive the requirement for the elongated bowls for the toilets but require the open-front seats; and also waive the requirement for the mop sink with the stipulation that the Health Department also approves the waiver of the mop sink. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
Motion carried: 7-0
Pilar Montilla – Bosch Thermotechnology Corp  
Technical Training (TT/SNA TR)  
50 Wentworth Ave  
Londonderry NH 03053  
49-218

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

There was no one in attendance to represent this case. Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file case 16-8-119. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Chris Griffith – Morehead Plumbing  
2145 Ashwood Ave  
Papillion NE 68133  
Location: 4131 S 84 St  
49-2003

REQUEST Waiver as regards discharge of waste

Mr. Chris Griffith presented before the Board requesting a waiver to dump saltwater tanks once a year into shower waste. It is pumped out with a hose and a pump. Mr. Wonder stated that the Planning Department considers this falling under the same category as hot tubs and spas and, therefore, the discharge would be the same which would require one of three methods described in the Plumbing Code. Mr. Griffith said this is a new tenant finish. Mr. Miller inquired what the hardship is. Mr. Griffith stated the owner does not want to put a floor sink in due to esthetics and to keep it clean and the drying out of the trap since it would rarely be used.

Mr. Mike Connor stated that the Health Department is going to treat these new water floatation tanks as swimming pools. Mr. Wonder agreed that the Planning Department is also going to consider these the same as swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

Mr. Griffith stated that the mop sink is down the hall and the business owner does not want to run a hose down the hall. Mr. Griffith told the Board that there will be four separate units and four separate rooms and that the pump and filter are built within the system for each separate floatation tank and will be in each separate room. Mr. Griffith stated that the water will contain Epsom salt and that was the concern with dumping into cast iron. With dumping only once a year, there would not be the salt build-up in the pipes.

Mr. Reed asked if these are regulated by the State. Mr. Connor stated, “No, they are not regulated by the State. It is up to each local entity on how to handle them.”

Mr. Salem inquired about the size of the shower. Mr. Griffith stated the showers will be minimum on two of them, and two of them are required to meet ADA. There will be a shower in all four rooms. Mr. Salem asked how many gallons of water. Mr. Griffith believes it is 300 gallons which will be pumped out with a submersible pump. There is no drain on the actual unit. Mr. Connor asked what the filter consists of. Mr. Griffith was not sure what type of filter the unit has. Mr. Connor questioned backwashing of the filters. Mr. Reed asked how they will fill the units. Mr. Griffith stated there will be a backflow protected and there will be a fill station in each room. There will be a hose with a backflow hooked up to the unit.

Motion to deny this waiver by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, waiver denied
Mr. Hargiss presented before the Board requesting waiver of several materials. Mr. Hargiss presented photos of the violations from a plumbing inspection. Mr. Hargiss stated that he was given misinformation regarding his plumbing issues. The Board suggested that Mr. Hargiss contact a licensed plumbing contractor who will get in contact with the inspector to pull the proper permits and get the violations taken care of.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny this waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, waiver denied

Mr. Kyle Graham and Mr. Tony Lukens appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding separate plumbing and drainage systems for a drive-through Scooters. There has been attempts to connect to the City main but continued to hit a storm sewer. In order to go into the right of way, they need State approval which could take up to three months. They would like to tie into the sewer coming out of the American National Bank building. The Code states that each building shall have their own sewer and water. They would like to connect outside the building. Mr. Kyle Graham states that they have written approval from the bank to do this.

Mr. Reed made a motion to waive the requirement for an 8” private sewer to allow this to be configured as a private sewer and would require a manhole at the connection between Scooter’s sanitary and the bank’s sanitary. Secondary by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Josh Haston
3533 6th Ave
Council Bluffs IA 51501
REQUEST Requesting approval for testing out first year apprenticeship schooling

Mr. Haston appeared before the Board to request testing out of the first year of apprenticeship school. Mr. Haston has been to one year of Metro to get his gen ed classes out of the way. Mr. Barrett inquired if he has any other work experience. Mr. Haston has been working for Melvin Sudbeck Homes Inc and was approved on 8/10/2016 as an apprentice with a start date of 6/17/2015. The Board thought trade school and experience is different than general education classes. Usually when someone takes the placement test it is because they had had so many years of on-the-job training hours. Mr. Haston stated he has been doing construction framing, dry walling, etc. for many years.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

NAYS: Schaap

Motion carried: 6-1, approval denied

Noe Antonio Zuniga
1941 S 42 Street #118
Omaha NE 68105
REQUEST Waiver as regards public restroom

Mr. and Mrs. Noe Zuniga appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding restroom facilities. This is a church that is located in the old Center Mall at 1941 S 42 Street, #118. The church services will be on Friday evening and Sunday morning. Approximately 40 people may attend. The majority of businesses in the mall will be closed during these times. There is a public restroom down the hall that is 77’ from the church door to the restroom down the hallway. There is also a restroom with a toilet and lavatory in the church space.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

NAYS: Estabrook

Motion carried: 6-1
V. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

Conner M McClellan
3116 S 159 St
Omaha NE 68130

Harris Plumbing LLC
18346 Highway 370
Omaha NE 68136

Paperwork was not received by the Board secretary at the time of this meeting.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to file. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VI. Discussion

Cancellations after the postponement date for examinations will not be allowed. They will count towards the applicant’s four tries and examination fees will not be waived.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.
Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

*A APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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