MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2019
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

Board Members:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Steve Johnston
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap
Russell Hadan, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector, City Planning Department (non-voting)

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

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston – Absent
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem – Arrived late
Amy Schaap

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
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II. Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2019

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Approved

III. *Cases

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<td>19-10-113</td>
<td>For waiver to grease interceptor requirement</td>
<td>6121 Maple St</td>
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<td>C2 Building Company</td>
<td>49-1120</td>
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Mr. Miller stated this case has been requested to be filed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file this case. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Case Filed
Mr. Jim Wonder appeared in regards to the above request and summarized the request. He stated it has been previously approved. Mr. Estabrook asked about the hours to be approved. Mr. Wonder explained that it would primarily be for Sewer Layers and some Master Plumbers.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the above class for four hours of continuing education for Sewer Layers, septic tank installers, and Master Plumbers with state septic license. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Chris Reed stated he would be abstaining. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Mike Eckmann appeared before the board in regards to the above request at the above address and summarized the request and passed out supplemental information. He explained why he is appearing before the board as it pertains to the various codes that impact the project. He touched on the temporary fixtures that would be used. Mr. Brian Barrett asked about the maintenance of the temporary fixtures. Mr. Eckmann explained that these would not require maintenance. Mr. Barrett asked about how tenants would get access. Mr. Eckmann detailed that it would be part of the management process in the event of an emergency. Mr. Salem asked about the installation of the fixtures. Mr. Eckmann stated that they are not installed, only temporary. He stated the concern is ensuring that the plumbed fixtures are maintained when it will be rarely used causing more damage. Mr. Barrett voiced his concerns. Mr. Miller asked what other management companies do. Mr. Eckmann stated that it would be different if it were a community space. Mr. Wonder their requirements and detailed the plan review process and other issues that can arise. He stated they have other issues with temporary toilets. Mr. Barrett asked if this would be setting a precedent. Mr. Reed clarified that the ICC 500 states and clarified what would be required. He clarified that this would be for those storm shelter locations that are not part of a more commonly used space. There is discussion about the maintenance of facilities. Mr. Eckmann clarified that the storage unit or space would have a checklist of the items that are required by the ICC 500 so things would not be thrown away. He detailed other items that are required to be in the space. Mr. Reed stated that prior to the last year, toilets were not required. He stated that the ICC 500 allows it but the Omaha Plumbing Code does not allow it. Mr. Miller voiced his concern with a temporary toilet situation. Ms. Amy Schaap voiced her concern about wanting further discussion to get an opinion from Mr. Wonder because it is a new construction. Mr. Wonder explained what different projects are doing to meet the requirement. Mr. Eckmann explained that the portable toilets are dry until water is added to the top tank. He clarified that the ICC 500 has a formula for the amount of water to meet the requirement. Mr. Wonder explained that getting water to the location is not the issue, and he can see where fixtures not working correctly is not as big of a risk. There is discussion about the use of the shelters and the frequency. Ms. Schaap stated that if the ICC 500 allows for this in certain situations, she doesn’t see a reason to go against it, but would want to see the space. Mr. Wonder explained that he would worry about privacy as well. Mr. Barrett asked about a potential code change. Mr. Wonder stated there were too many variables and what was addressed in the code changes. Mr. Miller voiced a concern that anyone building a building would want to get a waiver as well.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover this case to the November 27, 2019 meeting to look into it more. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Laid over to the November 27, 2019 meeting
Shane Thomas  
19811 L St  
Omaha, NE 68135  
REQUEST  
For approval to change provider for continuing education courses 18-5-62 and 18-5-63  
49-218  

No one appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. There is discussion about the specifics of the request.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the change of provider to Shane Thomas for the continuing education of the above previously approved courses. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Buddy's Towing  
3743 Ohio St  
Omaha, NE 68111  
REQUEST  
For waiver to unisex restroom requirement  
Location: 3743 Ohio St  
49-708  

Mr. Jimmy Huffstetter appeared before the board in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Huffstetter explained what brought the request before the Plumbing Board. He detailed the schedule of the business, employees, and that they are limited in space. Mr. Estabrook asked what the square footage was. Mr. Huffstetter explained he does not have that information. Mr. Wonder asked what the prior use of the location was. Mr. Huffstetter detailed what the property was previously used for and approximated the square footage of the space. Mr. Miller asked if it was approximately 1,200 square feet. Mr. Wonder asked about the grease interceptor. Mr. Huffstetter explained they have a floor interceptor and detailed that they have done from the previous occupant. Mr. Reed stated that technically they just have to waive the urinal.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver and waive the urinal requirement for the above address. Second by Mr. Reed

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Morehead Plumbing  
2145 Ashwood Ave  
Papillion, NE 68133  
REQUEST  
For waiver to exterior grease interceptor  
Location: 4122 S 144 St  
49-1120  

Mr. Tim Griggs and Mr. Chris Griffith appeared before the board in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Griffith presented additional plans. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Griffith detailed the hardship. Mr. Griggs explained that they do not cook anything, everything is already cooked, detailing how that happens, stating there is no grease being produced. Mr. Barrett asked about fryers. Mr. Griggs stated there are none. He detailed the cleaning process, if needed and where they take items that may need to be cleaned. Mr. Wonder asked if this is a take out. Mr. Griggs confirmed that it is all boxes.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve. Second by Ms. Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Tim Griggs and Mr. Chris Griffith appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Griggs detailed the request stating it is similar to the previous case.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve. Second by Ms. Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Ms. Marge Stoops and Ms. Debbie Dyer (sign in sheet was illegible) appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He read MUD’s recommendation into the record stating that they do not oppose. He stated that the Douglas County Health Department did not submit a recommendation. Mr. Wonder stated that he would suggest a motion that includes the approval of the Douglas County Health Department.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the request at the above address with the stipulation that the Health Department approves it and that if MUD were to put a main in in the future that they must connect. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. John Delany, Mr. Andrew Conzett, and Mr. Chris Erickson appeared before the board in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Erickson detailed the lots and the buildings that they have, including the fact that it was a previous warehouse converted to heated parking. He detailed how they attempted to plan ahead for additions. He explained that they have a previous code compliant storm shelter. Mr. Wonder asked about why they are appearing. Mr. Erickson detailed that they would be requesting to not have fixtures because it is currently existing. Mr. Wonder asked if they have applied for existing building permits. Mr. Delany explained that they are getting ready to. Mr. Wonder asked if this could be considered an existing code compliance. Mr. Erickson stated they were told they should appear before the Plumbing Board. Mr. Wonder stated he would suggest laying this over so he can research it more. Mr. Erickson detailed other issues that may factors. Mr. Wonder stated something else to think about when it comes back include: is this existing and there is ground water contamination.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay over to the November 27, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the November 27, 2019 meeting
Mr. Mark Ismert appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Wonder stated that what the Plumbing Board did for them previously was not within what they are allowed to do. He stated that technically they did not have it in the code to do it. He stated that the code changes did not include the authority to do so. Mr. Barrett asked if they could make it as a code change. Mr. Wonder explained what was previously approved. Mr. Barrett offered a suggestion. Mr. Wonder stated that one of the things they are having a hard time with the Type I interceptor is that the vent is underwater. He detailed the Type III that they are suggesting, he does not have a problem with it. Mr. Barrett asked if a decision would be needed if they encase it in concrete. Mr. Ismert asked what that means. Mr. Barrett detailed. There is discussion about how to proceed. There is consensus that it would need to be a case by case basis. Mr. Ismert asked how to proceed. Mr. Wonder stated there is no problem with the material. Mr. Barrett stated that the projects would need to be brought before the board on a case by case basis.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover to the November 27, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the November 27, 2019 meeting

IV. Discussion

• Jim Wonder – Code Committee continuing education waiver
  Mr. Wonder asked about waiving continuing education for those on the code committee, Mike Tritz and Brian Carmody, for the 2019 year.

Motion by Mr. Reed to waive continuing education requirement for Mr. Tritz and Mr. Carmody for serving on the Omaha Code Committee for 2019. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

V. Executive Session to Approve Exam Scores

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into ES to review exams. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session begins at 2:32 p.m.

• Journeyman Plumber Exams
  o Bailey, Jonathon
  o Balcom, Josh
  o Bowery, Elliott
  o Brockman, Trent
  o Childers, Allen – No Show
  o Bueno, Fernando
  o Caniglia, Patrick
  o Cardenas
  o Godinez, Eduardo
  o Gudeman, William
  o Hanson, Adam
  o Herbert, John
  o Herr, Dennis
  o Hoskinson, Travis
  o Kidder, Andrew
  o Kierscht, Jacob
  o Litke, Joseph
  o Nielson, Charles
  o Nowak, Joseph
  o Peterson, Zack
  o Randels, Nick
  o Riesgaard, Nick
  o Wonder, Nicholas
• Master Plumber Exams
  o Ellis, John
  o Heuring, Thomas
  o Homstedt, Noel
  o Jack, Bradley
  o Molacek, Joseph
  o Morrow, Kevin
  o Shadden, William

• Water Conditioning Contractor Exam
  o Luty, William

• Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Exams
  o Hernandez, Jose
  o Costanzo, Michael

• Sewer Layers
  o Anyaegbunam, Ben
  o Gonsior, Benjamin
  o Hunter, Freedom
  o Joons, Caleb
  o Plugge, Austin
  o Ratay, Jordan
  o Severn, Jamey
  o Swanger, Richard
  o Wilsey, Toby – No Show
  o Wright, Travis – No Show

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Miller.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session ends at 2:54 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Miller.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Adjourned at 2:54 p.m.