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ORDINANCE NO. G-1199

AN ORDINANCE amending Sections 18-414, 18-415, 18-416, 18-417, 18-420, 18-421, 18-422, and 18-423 of the Pittsburg City Code to establish a Building Trades Review Board and amend qualification standards for trades licensing to comply with current State trades licensing requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS:

Section 1. Section 18-414 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-414. Qualification standards established.

- There are hereby established the following standards to be followed:
- (1) *Journeyman.* To be eligible to take the journeyman examination, the applicant shall have a minimum two years experience in the trade as an apprentice, having worked with the City building regulations, or regulations comparable to those in effect within the City.
Exception: Successful completion of two years of vocational school can be substituted for one year of apprentice experience.
 - (2) *Master.* To be eligible to take the master examination, an applicant must provide documented proof of meeting the requirements as set forth in sub-section (e) and (f) of K.S.A. 12-1509, 12-1526, and 12-1542 and having worked with the City building regulations or regulations comparable to those in effect within the City.
 - (3) *Master sewer contractor.* To be eligible to take the master sewer contractor examination, an applicant must have two years' experience installing, repairing, removing and maintaining building sewers and private disposal systems.

Section 2. Section 18-415 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-415. Qualification standards review.

- (a) Each candidate must have documented proof of experience pursuant to K.S.A 12-1508, 12-1509, 12-1526 and 12-1542 For the purpose of evaluating the education and experience of candidates in accordance with standards established by this article, the Building Code of Appeals shall act as the Building Trades Review Board. The Building Trades Review Board shall consist of seven members, 5 five members of which are presently appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals and two additional members to include at least one person of each building trade

holding a master license (i.e. licensed master electrician, licensed master plumber or licensed master mechanical). The Board shall review documentation on the qualifications of all candidates for certificates issued pursuant to this article.

- (b) Appointments. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Governing Body. The appointed members shall serve for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only. The Governing Body may remove members for just cause upon written notice.
- (c) The Building Official shall submit to the Board for their review the applicant's application and documentation to take the building trades examination. The Building Trades Review Board shall validate the applicant's experience as established by City Ordinances Section 18-414. In an effort to expedite the review process applications(s) will be forwarded to the Board members electronically at such time as they are submitted to the Building Official. The Board shall be required to notify the Building Official of their decision within no more than 10 working days of the applicant's submittal. Any action rendered by the Board shall be by simple majority vote. The presence or action of four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of at least three is required to pass a motion. In the hearing before the Board, all rulings shall be recorded and permanent records kept.

Section 3. Section 18-416 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-416. Examination

- (a) Qualified applicants for a certificate shall be tested on their competency by a written examination based upon nationally recognized codes and standards as allowed by K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1525, and 12-1541. Upon the affirmative vote by the Building Code of Appeals/Building Trade Review Board, the Building Official, on behalf of the City, shall sponsor qualified applicants on the examination registration form. All examination fees and forms shall be submitted directly by the applicant to the examination agency.

Section 4. Section 18-417 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-417. Examination agency

- (a) Examinations for determination of competency shall be prepared and published pursuant to K.S.A 12-1508, 12-1525, and. 12-1541.

Section 5 Section 18-420 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-420. Reciprocal certification

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Building Official shall verify an applicant to work within the City if:

- (1) The applicant holds a comparable certificate issued by any governmental entity pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1525, and 12-1541 and
- (2) Has paid all fees and furnished such bonds as are otherwise required by the provisions of this article.

Section 6 Section 18-421 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-421. Annual fees.

The annual fees, required for maintenance of a certificate of competency pursuant to this article, shall be as established by the Governing Body.

Section 7 Section 18-422 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows

Sec. 18-422. Terms.

All certificates issued pursuant to this article shall, unless sooner renewed, expire at the end of the calendar year for which they are issued. Upon renewal, each license and certificate holder shall meet the requirements enacted by this Ordinance and pursuant to sub-section (a)(4) of K.S.A. 12-1509, 12-1526, and 12-1542.

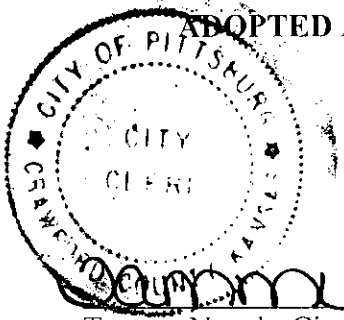
Section 8 Section 18-423 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-423. Holder's responsibility.

All certificate holders shall be responsible for the work they assume in accordance with the requirements of this article, without limitation, and subject to the following conditions:

- (1) To have a certificate on his/her person at all times.
- (2) To present certificate when requested by any member of the Division of Building Services.
- (3) To faithfully perform the work without departure from or disregard of approved drawings and specifications.
- (4) To obey any order issued under authority of this article.
- (5) In addition to the foregoing, the certificate holder shall maintain supervision of the workers under his direction on a day-to-day basis during normal working hours of the licensee or the certificate holder.
- (6) Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1509, 12-1526, and 12-1542 all licensees shall obtain annually at least six hours of continuing education approved by such local governing body.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Governing Body on the 11th day of March, 2014.



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