

Chapter 5

BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES*

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State law references--Governing body may enact standards to determine safety of buildings, Ga. Const., art. 1, sec. 4, par. 1; authority of city or county to provide codes, including building, housing, plumbing, and electrical codes, Ga. Const., art. 9, sec. 2, par. 3(12); providing of fire escapes by building owners, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-50; The Uniform Standards Code for Manufactured Homes Act, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-130 et seq.; The Uniform Act for the Application of Building and Fire Related Codes to Existing Buildings, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-200 et seq.; access to and use of public facilities by physically handicapped persons, O.C.G.A. § 30-3-1 et seq.; authority for municipalities to repair, close or demolish unfit buildings or structures, O.C.G.A. § 41-2-7.

Section 5-105A ARTICLE V. GAS CODE

Section 5-106 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas systems, including permits and penalties, that certain gas code known as the International Fuel Gas Code, as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, as revised and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein controlling in the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all

natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas systems within the corporate limits of the City. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.

(Ord. of 3-23-92, § V(a); Ord. of 10-23-95, § III; Ord. of 1-30-02; Ord. of 7-23-08)

Section 5-107 Amendments, modifications and deletions.

The gas code as adopted in section 5-106 is amended as follows:

(a) Whenever the term "gas official" is used in the code, it shall be held to mean the chief building official of the city.

(b) Whenever the term "gas inspection department" is used in the code, it shall be held to mean the building department of the city.

(c) Recommended Supplemental Administrative Provisions. Chapter 1 shall be amended and changed in the following respects:

(1) *Sec. 101.4.1 Gas Official Qualifications.* Section 101.4.1 shall be stricken in its entirety.

(2) *Sec. 101.4.2 Chief Inspector Qualifications.* Section 101.4.2 shall be stricken in its entirety.

(3) *Sec. 101.4.3 Inspector Qualifications.* Section 101.4.3 shall be stricken in its entirety.

(4) *Sec. 101.4.4 Deputy Building Official.* Section 101.4.4 shall be stricken in its entirety.

(Ord. of 3-23-92, § V(b))

Section 5-108 Gasfitting work--Rules and regulations; definitions.

(a) *Rules and regulations.* All gasfitting work done in the city shall be under the rules and regulations passed by the city council, and the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted for gasfitting work in the city and the practice of the trade of gasfitting in the city.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this article, the following definitions shall apply:

Gasfitting means the profession, art or trade of and all work done and all materials used in and for the installation of gas piping, appliances and other gas fired equipment.

Journeyman gasfitter means a person who performs the manual work in installing gas piping, appliances and other gas fired equipment under the direction of a master gasfitter and who holds a journeyman gasfitter's certificate of the city, certifying to his fitness to perform such manual work.

Master gasfitter means a person who assumes responsible charge and direction of other persons in the installation of gas piping, appliances and other gas fired equipment and who holds a master gasfitter's certificate issued within the current calendar year by the contractor's examining board of the city, certifying to his fitness to assume such responsibility.

(Ord. of 2-14-94, § I)

Section 5-109 Same--Persons permitted to do work.

(a) No gas installation or piping shall be done within or on public or private buildings, structures or premises except by a qualified journeyman gas fitter under the direction of a master gasfitter. A master gasfitter may also be the journeyman on a job.

(b) No master gasfitter shall send any person on any job which requires a license in the capacity of a gasfitter, nor shall any person execute any gasfitting work, unless such person is in the possession of a certificate in the current year by the contractor's examining board.

(Ord. of 2-14-94, § II)

Section 5-110 Same--Application, nature and character.

Any person operating or desiring to engage in or work at the business of gasfitting, either as a master gasfitter or as a journeyman gasfitter in the city, shall make application to the contractor's examining board to take an examination for a gasfitting certificate provided for at such time and place as the examining board may direct. The examination may, at the option of the examining board, be made in whole or in part in writing, and shall be of a practical and elementary character, but sufficiently strict to test the qualifications of the applicant.
(Ord. of 2-14-94, § III)

Section 5-111 Examination, license required.

(a) Every master gasfitter desiring to engage in the business of gasfitting in the city shall before doing so obtain an occupational license.

(b) Every master gasfitter shall before obtaining an occupational license, satisfactorily pass the examination required in section 5-110 of this article.

Section 5-112 Supervision of a journeyman gasfitter.

Any person working as a journeyman gasfitter shall work only under the direct supervision of a master gasfitter who shall be on the same premises with such journeyman gasfitter.

Section 5-113 Licenses, certificates, expiration date, prerequisite to doing work.

All occupational licenses and gasfitters certificates shall expire on and shall be null and void after January first of each year. No gasfitting work shall be done by any master gasfitter or journeyman gasfitter who has no such license and certificate, as provided in this article, in full force and effect at the time a permit for gasfitting work shall be applied for.

Section 5-114 Master gasfitter's license suspension, revocation.

Any master gasfitter who shall have been licensed as such under the provisions of this article, who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or who certifies under oath to the gas inspector he has supervised the installation, construction or repair of any gasfitting work when in fact he has not shall be cited by the gas inspector to appear before the contractor's examining board to show cause why his certificate as a master gasfitter should not be revoked. After such citation has been personally served upon the master gasfitter, he shall have the right to appear before the contractor's examining board and offer such evidence in his behalf as he deems necessary. At the same time the gas inspector shall offer evidence showing violations as charged. After hearing the evidence, the contractor's examining board shall then, by a majority vote, find him guilty or not guilty as the evidence warrants. If found guilty the contractor's examining board may revoke the certificate or impose a suspension of his license for a period of up to ninety (90) days. If found not guilty the charge shall be dropped. If the person so cited to appear shall fail to appear at the time and place specified in the citation, his license shall be automatically suspended by the examining board. When a certificate has been revoked as provided in this section, the licensee thereunder shall not be allowed to act as a master gasfitter in the city until he has appealed the revocation to the contractor's examining board and the board has reinstated his license.
(Ord. of 2-14-94, § IV)

Section 5-115 Revocation of license for failure to correct defective work.

Any person who shall fail to correct any defect in his work after having been duly notified by the inspector shall not receive any further permit until such defect has been corrected, and in case any person shall refuse to correct such defects in accordance with requirements of this division his license shall be revoked.

Section 5-116 Reserved.

Editor's note--Section V of an ordinance adopted Feb. 14, 1994, repealed former § 5-116, relative to the gasfitters examining board, which derived from the original codification.

Section 5-117 Examination; certificate of competency.

(a) The contractor's examining board shall, as soon as may be practicable after their appointment, meet and designate the time and place for examination of all applicants desiring to engage in or work at the business of gasfitting within the city. The board shall examine such applicants as to their practical knowledge of gasfittings and, if satisfied of the competence of such applicant, shall thereupon issue a certificate to such applicant authorizing him to engage in or work at the business of gasfitting, either as a master gasfitter, or as a journeyman gasfitter.

(b) The fee for each examination, including certificate if issued, for a master gasfitter shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and for a journeyman gasfitter shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). The certificate shall be valid for the term of one (1) year, beginning with the calendar year, but certificate can be renewed if application for renewal is made to the examining board each year. (Ord. of 2-14-94, § VI)

Section 5-118 Permits--Persons to whom issued.

Permits to do gasfitting work in the city will be issued only to a master gasfitter with a current gas fitters certificate and occupational license.

Section 5-119 Same--Required; plans.

Before doing any work the master gasfitter shall have a written permit from the city. The master gasfitter shall furnish complete plans and specifications with his application for permit.

Section 5-120 Inspection of installations and piping.

All gas installations and piping done in the city shall be inspected by the gas inspector for conformance to the requirements of the gas code.

Section 5-121 Inspector--Designated.

The gas inspector shall be an employee of the building inspection department appointed by the appointing authority.

Section 5-122 Same--Interference prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder or interfere with the gas inspector in the discharge of his duties under this article.

Section 5-123 Connection; certificate of inspection.

It shall be unlawful for any person to connect with the city's gas distribution system or liquified petroleum system any building piping, appliances or other gas fired equipment in or on any building or structure until a certificate of inspection thereof has been issued by the gas inspector.

Section 5-124 Fee disposition.

All fees collected for inspection or for examination of applicants shall be paid to the treasurer.

(Ord. of 2-14-94, § VII)

Section 5-125 Schedule of permit fees.

Gas Permit fees are on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building inspection department

(Ord. of 3-23-92, § VI; Ord. of 1-27-94; Ord. of 12-28-94, § IV; Ord. of 12-23-96(2), § III; Ord. of 1-30-02)

Section 5-126 5-126--5-130. Reserved.