ORDINANCE 2010 - 08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 218 (PLUMBING CODE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR, AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 218 UPDATING STANDARDS TO THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Radnor does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN:

- Section 1. That Chapter 218 (Plumbing Code) of the Township of Radnor is hereby Repealed and a new Chapter 218 as set forth below is hereby enacted:
- Section 2. Adoption of Code by Reference. Certain documents on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Radnor, being marked and designated as the 2009 International Plumbing Code, is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of Radnor Township, Delaware County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of establishing minimum regulations governing the design, installation, maintenance and construction of plumbing systems as herein provided; and each and all of the provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of the 2009 International Plumbing Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this chapter with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes as prescribed by this chapter.
- Section 3. Additions, Insertions, Deletions, and Changes to the Code. The following sections and subsections of the 2009 International Plumbing Code, are hereby added, amended, changed, and clarified as set forth below:

A. Chapter 1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Section 101, General.
 - (a) In Subsection 101.1 Title, Insert "Township of Radnor" as the name of the jurisdiction.
 - (b) Insert a new Subsection 101.5 to read as follows:
 - 101.5 Terms. Whenever in the Plumbing Code a municipality is mentioned and no name is given, said municipality shall be construed to mean the Township of Radnor; and when a state is mentioned, the same shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and when the Department of Plumbing Inspection is mentioned, the same shall mean the Department of Community Development.
- 2. Section 103, Department of Plumbing Inspection.
 - (a) Delete subsections 103.1 through 103.3 and substitute with the following:
 - 103.1 General. The Director of Community Development or any authorized agent or employee thereof shall be designated as the Code Official for the purposes of this code.
 - 103.2 Appointment. The code official and employees of the Department of Community Development shall be appointed in accordance with the personnel procedures and policies of the Township of Radnor.

(b) Amend the subsection number of Liability to read: 103.3 Liability

3. Section 106, Permits.

- (a) Subsection 106.5.4 Extensions. Delete the following on line nine: "The fee for an extension shall be one-half (1/2) the amount required for a new permit for such work."
- (b) Subsection 106.6.1 Work commencing before permit issuance. Change the word "shall" on line three (3) to "may".
- (c) Subsection 106.6.2 Fee schedule. Delete this subsection and substitute with the following:
 - 106.6.2 Fee schedule. Fees for all plumbing work shall be charged as set forth in Chapter 162 of the Township Code.
- (d) Subsection 106.6.3 Fee refunds. Delete in its entirety.

4. Section 108 Violations.

- (a) Subsection 108.3 Prosecution of violation. Delete the words beginning on the second line "request the legal counsel of the jurisdiction to."
- (b) Subsection 108.4 Violation penalties. Delete this subsection and substitute with the following:
 - 108.4 Violation penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or who shall fail to comply with the requirements thereof, or who shall install, repair or alter a plumbing system in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Code Official, or of a permit issued under this code, shall upon conviction be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (c) Subsection 108.5 Stop-work orders. Insert in the first blank twenty-five (25) and in the second blank one-thousand (1,000).
- 5. Section 109 Means of Appeal Delete this entire subsection and substitute with the following:

Section 109 Means of Appeal

(a) 109.1 General. Whenever the owner or contractor involved in the installation, repair or alteration of a plumbing system takes exception to the decision of the Code Official in refusing to issue a permit, or to approve plans as required by this code, such owner, contractor or duly authorized agent or attorney may within 10 days after such decision take an appeal therefrom to the Code Appeals Board. Such appeal shall be in writing, state the decision of the Code Official and the reasons for the exception taken thereto and filed with the Township Secretary. The Code Appeals Board shall within 30 days from receipt of such appeal fix a date, time and location to consider the appeal and to allow the person to be heard if he states his desire to do so in the written appeal. A prompt decision shall be rendered by the Code Appeals Board and duly recorded with such decision being final.

6. Add a new Section 111 to read as follows:

Section 111 Licensing of Plumbing Contractors

- 111.1 Master plumber license. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of plumbing as a master plumber without first having obtained a license from the Department of Community Development.
- 111.2 Application. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the township and shall include the name and address of the business, partnership or corporation and the name of the individual to be licensed, along with any other information which the township may require. One member of the business, partnership or corporation shall be sufficient for the issuance of a license.
- 111.3 Insurance. No license shall be issued to a master plumber unless the applicant files a certificate of insurance with the Code Official at the time of license application. The certificate of insurance shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy will not be canceled, materially changed or not renewed until at least 30 days' prior written notice has been given to Radnor Township. The certificate of insurance must evidence policies of insurance maintained at the expense of the applicant for comprehensive liability, including products/completed operations/broad contractual and property damage; each occurrence, \$500,000.
- 111.4 Change of place of business. Immediate notice shall be given by any licensee hereunder to the township of any change of his place of business.
- 111.5 Misrepresentation. It shall be unlawful for any person who does not have a master plumber's license issued by the township to engage in or represent himself as engaged in the business of plumbing within Radnor Township.
- 111.6 License for institutions. A person certified as competent by the Code Official may be licensed as a master plumber for the care, alteration or addition of the plumbing and drainage system of a designated manufacturing or mercantile building, institution, hotel, apartment or similar building where the continuous services of a master plumber are required, and receive a certificate of license, but in such case the person so licensed shall not be permitted to do any plumbing or drainage work in any building or buildings other than those for which he is specifically licensed.
- 111.7 License fees. License fees for master plumbers and institutional plumbers shall be charged as set forth in Chapter 162, Fees, of the Township Code and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date issued.
- 111.8 Revocation of licenses. A license may be suspended or revoked by the Code Official for violation of any section of this chapter, or for violation of any standards, conditions or requirements under which a plumbing permit is issued by the township.

Notification and justification for such action shall be provided to the licensee by certified and regular mail. The licensee, agent or attorney may, within 10 calendar days from the date of the notice, appeal the decision of the Code Official to the Code Appeals Board. The appeal shall be in writing, state the decision of the Code Official and reasons for taking exception thereto and shall be filed with the Township Secretary. The Code Appeals Board shall, within 30 days from receipt of such appeal, fix a date, time and location to consider the action taken by the Code Official. The Code Appeals Board shall render a prompt decision and affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Code Official, with such decision being duly recorded and final.

B.Chapter 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 1. Section 202, General Definitions.
 - (a) Amend the definition of "Code Official" to read as follows:
 - CODE OFFICIAL. The Director of Community Development charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.
 - (b) Insert the definition of "department" to read as follows:
 - DEPARTMENT. The Department of Community Development of Radnor Township or any authorized agent or employee thereof.
 - (c) Insert the definition of "institutional plumber" to read as follows:
 - INSTITUTIONAL PLUMBER. Any person who shall have qualified and registered as an institutional plumber in accordance with the terms of this chapter and under the rules and regulations of Radnor Township.
 - (d) Insert the definition of "master plumber" to read as follows:
 - MASTER PLUMBER. Any person who shall have qualified as a master plumber in accordance with the terms of this chapter and under the rules and regulations of Radnor Township.
 - (e) Insert the definition of "township" to read as follows:
 - TOWNSHIP. The Township of Radnor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. Chapter 3. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- 1. Section 305 Protection of Pipes and Plumbing System Components.
 - (a) In Subsection 305.6.1, Sewer depth. Insert "twenty-four(24)" on lines three and five.

D. Chapter 9 VENTS

- 1. Section 904 Vent Terminals
 - (a) Subsection 904.1 Roof Extension. Insert the number fifteen (15) online two (2).

E. Chapter 10 TRAPS, INTERCEPTORS AND SEPARATORS

- 1. Section 1002 Trap Requirements
 - (a) Subsection 1002.3 Prohibited traps. Add to number 5 "except when approved by the Code Official".

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 22nd day of February, 2010

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR

By:

John Nagle, President Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Matthew S. Baumann, Secretary