

597 ~~the delay on the applicant and the reasonableness of the applicant carrying out the~~  
598 ~~decision of the board.~~

599 ~~(1) In the event that economic hardship due to the effect of this section is claimed by an~~  
600 ~~owner, the historic preservation board may require from the property owner any or all~~  
601 ~~of the following information before it makes a decision on the application, as long as~~  
602 ~~such information is relevant for the historic preservation board to decide whether an~~  
603 ~~economic hardship exists:~~

604 ~~a. A report from a licensed engineer, contractor or architect with experience in~~  
605 ~~rehabilitation as to the structural soundness of any structures on the property and~~  
606 ~~their suitability for rehabilitation;~~

607 ~~b. The estimated market value of the property in its current condition, after~~  
608 ~~completion of the proposed demolition, and after redevelopment of the existing~~  
609 ~~property for continued use;~~

610 ~~c. An estimate from an architect, licensed contractor, real estate consultant,~~  
611 ~~appraiser, or other real estate professional experienced in rehabilitation as to the~~  
612 ~~economic feasibility of rehabilitation or reuse of the existing structure on the~~  
613 ~~property;~~

614 ~~d. The amount paid for the property, the date of purchase, and the party from whom~~  
615 ~~purchased, including a description of the relationship, if any, between the owner~~  
616 ~~of record or applicant and the person from whom the property was purchased,~~  
617 ~~and any terms of financing between the seller and buyer.~~

618 ~~(2) If the property is income producing, the historic preservation board may also require:~~

619 ~~a. The annual gross income from the property for the previous two years, itemized~~  
620 ~~operating and maintenance expenses for the previous two years, and depreciation~~  
621 ~~deductions and annual cash flow before and after debt service, if any, during the~~  
622 ~~same period;~~

623 ~~b. The remaining balance on any mortgage or other financing secured by the~~  
624 ~~property and annual debt service, if any, for the previous two years;~~

625 ~~c. All appraisals obtained within the previous two years by the owner or applicant in~~  
626 ~~connection with the purchase, financing or ownership of the property;~~

627 ~~d. Any listing of the property for sale or rent, price asked, and offers received, if any,~~  
628 ~~within the previous two years;~~

629 ~~e. The assessed value of the property according to the two most recent assessments;~~

630 ~~f. The real estate taxes for the previous two years;~~

631 ~~g. The form of ownership or operation of the property, whether sole proprietorship,~~  
632 ~~for profit or not for profit corporation, limited partnership, joint venture, or other;~~

633 h. ~~Any other information considered necessary by the preservation board to a~~  
634 ~~determination as to whether the property does yield or may yield a reasonable~~  
635 ~~return to the owners.~~

636 (e) ~~After invoking a demolition delay, the historic preservation planner shall post the subject~~  
637 ~~property with a sign notifying the public of the owner's intent to demolish the structure in~~  
638 ~~order to allow interested parties to come forward and move the structure upon consent of~~  
639 ~~the owner.~~

640 ~~Sec. 6-20. Temporary boarding and sealing of buildings; permit required.~~

641 (a) ~~A permit must be obtained before any building is boarded and sealed. An application for a~~  
642 ~~permit shall be filed in the department designated by the city manager. The permit shall~~  
643 ~~expire one year after it is issued.~~

644 (b) ~~The application for initial permit shall contain the following information:~~

645 (1) ~~Location of building by street address and tax parcel number.~~

646 (2) ~~Name, mailing address and telephone number of owner.~~

647 (3) ~~Name, mailing address and telephone number of individual applying for the permit, if~~  
648 ~~other than owner.~~

649 (4) ~~Reason for boarding and sealing building.~~

650 (5) ~~Length of time building is expected to remain boarded and sealed.~~

651 (6) ~~Whether utilities will be turned off during the time the building is boarded and sealed.~~

652 (c) ~~The individual to whom the permit is issued shall comply with the vacant property~~  
653 ~~standards in section 16-20 within 20 days and shall remain in compliance during the permit~~  
654 ~~period.~~

655 (d) ~~Starting October 1, 2000, the city manager or designee shall inspect any building for which~~  
656 ~~a board and seal permit or renewal of permit is being sought. If the city manager or~~  
657 ~~designee finds that a building is so dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be~~  
658 ~~unsafe or otherwise unfit for human habitation or occupancy, as these terms are defined in~~  
659 ~~chapter 16 of this Code, and that it is unreasonable to repair such building considering the~~  
660 ~~cost to repair and the expected market value of the property after repair, the city manager~~  
661 ~~or designee shall order the owner of the building to demolish and remove such building.~~  
662 ~~No board and seal permit shall be issued or renewed for a building that has been ordered~~  
663 ~~demolished and removed.~~

664 (e) ~~Starting October 1, 2000, a fee shall be collected with the application for permit, to cover~~  
665 ~~the costs of inspection of the building.~~

666 ~~Secs. 6-21—6-30. Reserved.~~

667 ~~ARTICLE III. ELECTRICAL CODE<sup>[3]</sup>~~

668 ~~DIVISION 1.— GENERALLY~~

669 ~~Sec. 6-31.— Definitions.~~

670 ~~As used in this article, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the~~  
671 ~~following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:~~

672 ~~Approved shall be held to mean acceptable to the authority enforcing this article.~~

673 ~~Electrical construction shall include and govern all work and materials used in~~  
674 ~~installing, maintaining, or extending any system of electrical wiring, for light, heat or~~  
675 ~~power, and all apparatus and appurtenances used in connection therewith, inside of or~~  
676 ~~attached to any building, structure, or premises located in the city or served with~~  
677 ~~electricity from the city's distribution system.~~

678 ~~Electrical inspector shall mean a person who possess the necessary training and~~  
679 ~~technical knowledge and who has been appointed by the city manager to inspect~~  
680 ~~electrical wiring for the city.~~

681 ~~Sec. 6-32.— Enforcement.~~

682 ~~The enforcement of this article shall be under the supervision and control of the~~  
683 ~~city manager.~~

684 ~~Sec. 6-33.— Purpose of article.~~

685 ~~For the better protection of life and property and in the interest of public safety,~~  
686 ~~this article is hereby adopted for the sale, installation, use, repair and maintenance of~~  
687 ~~electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment for light, heat and power inside of or attached~~  
688 ~~to buildings within the limits of the city or served by electricity through the distribution~~  
689 ~~system of the city.~~

690 ~~Sec. 6-34.— Reserved.~~

691 ~~Sec. 6-35.— Temporary connections.~~

692 ~~The electrical inspector may permit the temporary connection of any system of~~  
693 ~~wiring, either during the course of construction or for temporary light, heat or power,~~  
694 ~~provided that no temporary connection shall be for a period of over 30 days or such~~  
695 ~~time as shall be specified in writing by the electrical inspector. All provisions for~~  
696 ~~temporary connections shall be made by a certified electrician.~~

697 ~~Sec. 6-36.— Service wires and tubing.~~

698 ~~(a) The various service voltages shall be as follows:~~  
699 ~~(1) Single phase services 120/240 volts, three wire;~~  
700 ~~(2) Three phase services 240 volt, three wire;~~  
701 ~~(3) Three phase services 120/208 volts, four wire;~~  
702 ~~(4) Three phase services 120/240 volts, four wire.~~  
703 ~~All service voltages in excess of those listed shall first be approved by the director of~~  
704 ~~public utilities.~~

705 ~~(b) Service equipment and electrical panels shall not be located in closets, bathrooms, under~~  
706 ~~stairways or in any location which will cause it to be inaccessible, or create a hazard to life~~  
707 ~~or property.~~

708 ~~(c) Service wires, service conduit and service equipment shall be installed by the electrician~~  
709 ~~installing the interior wiring. All underground service conduit shall extend up the pole to~~  
710 ~~within one foot of the secondaries. Wires projecting from the service head shall not be less~~  
711 ~~than three feet in length.~~

712 ~~(d) In residences having an enclosed area in excess of 600 square feet, the service panel shall~~  
713 ~~have spare space for two double pole circuit breakers, or, if fuse panels are used, space for~~  
714 ~~two double pole fuse disconnects.~~

715 ~~Sec. 6-37. Location of service entrance.~~

716 ~~The electrical inspector, together with an authorized representative of the~~  
717 ~~department of public utilities, shall designate the location of the service entrance to the~~  
718 ~~building, and once the point of service entrance to the building has been designated, it~~  
719 ~~shall not be changed without the consent of both. There shall be a minimum of at least~~  
720 ~~ten feet from lowest point of service drop to existing grade level. No more than seven~~  
721 ~~feet of unprotected service entrance conductors shall enter a building.~~

722 ~~Sec. 6-38. Meters and meter loops.~~

723 ~~All meters used by the city for the purpose of measuring electrical energy on the~~  
724 ~~consumer's premises shall be the property of the city and shall be installed by~~  
725 ~~employees of the city. All wiring necessary for the connecting of the meters and/or~~  
726 ~~metering equipment shall be furnished by the owner, lessee or agent and installed by~~  
727 ~~the electrician installing the interior wiring. Meter loop wires for single phase meters~~  
728 ~~shall not be less than 12 inches long measured from the top of a switch box. Meter loop~~  
729 ~~wires for three phase meters shall not be less than 20 inches long, measured from the~~  
730 ~~top of a switch box. Except by special permission from the electrical inspector, all~~  
731 ~~meters for residential buildings shall be outdoor socket type meters; no socket type~~  
732 ~~meter shall be installed less than 5½ feet above the ground; no socket type meter shall~~

733 ~~be installed more than 6½ feet above the ground. Meters shall not be located in closets,~~  
734 ~~bathrooms, under stairways or in any location which will cause them to be inaccessible~~  
735 ~~or create a hazard to life or property.~~

736 ~~Sec. 6-39. Reserved.~~

737 ~~Sec. 6-40. Unlawful to bridge or tamper with circuit breakers.~~

738 ~~It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to in any manner bridge a rise of~~  
739 ~~an automatic circuit breaker or change it so it will not properly protect the circuit in~~  
740 ~~which it is connected.~~

741 ~~Sec. 6-41. Reserved.~~

742 ~~Sec. 6-42. Installation of wiring by owner.~~

743 ~~Nothing in this Code shall prevent any homeowner from installing electrical~~  
744 ~~wiring within his/her own property boundaries, provided the installation is done by~~  
745 ~~himself/herself, and is used exclusively by him/her or his/her family. Such privilege does~~  
746 ~~not convey the right to violate any of the provisions of this Code, nor is it to be~~  
747 ~~construed as exempting any property owner from obtaining a permit and paying the~~  
748 ~~required fees therefor. The wiring shall be approved by the electrical inspector before~~  
749 ~~the electricity is connected to it.~~

750 ~~Secs. 6-43—6-55. Reserved.~~

751 ~~DIVISION 2. PERMITS~~

752 ~~Sec. 6-56. Required for electrical construction.~~

753 ~~(a) A permit will be required in all new construction to install, change, alter or repair any~~  
754 ~~existing electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within the limits of the city or served by~~  
755 ~~electricity through the distribution system of the city, except that permits will not be~~  
756 ~~required for making repairs to existing wiring provided that such repairs will not change or~~  
757 ~~alter the wiring or apparatus connected thereto. Each meter installation shall constitute a~~  
758 ~~separate installation and a separate permit shall be required for each. All repairs to existing~~  
759 ~~meter cans shall be permitted. All permits shall be signed by the electrical inspector. The~~  
760 ~~electrical inspector shall have the authority to reject any application for a permit which~~  
761 ~~does not comply with the provisions of this article. No service will be connected at any~~  
762 ~~location unless a permit as required by the terms of this section has been issued for the~~  
763 ~~installation, alteration or repair of the electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment at such~~  
764 ~~location. A permit shall be required for the installation of all neon lighting and signs, inside~~  
765 ~~or outside of a building.~~



766 ~~(b) Conditions of the permit. A permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized~~  
767 ~~by such permit is commenced within six months after its issuance, or if the work authorized~~  
768 ~~by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time the~~  
769 ~~work commenced. One extension of time for a period not more than 90 days may be~~  
770 ~~permitted if cause is demonstrated. Such extension shall be made in writing by the building~~  
771 ~~official.~~

772 ~~Sec. 6-57. Issued only to master electricians; exceptions.~~

773 ~~Except as provided in section 6-76, permits shall be issued to master electricians~~  
774 ~~only. Master electricians shall make application for electrical permits at the office of the~~  
775 ~~electrical inspector. The master electrician shall furnish a complete set of plans and~~  
776 ~~specifications on all large and complicated jobs, and such other information as shall be~~  
777 ~~required before the permit is issued. The electrical inspector shall examine all~~  
778 ~~applications for permits to determine if they conform to the provisions of this article.~~

779 ~~Sec. 6-58. Applications to be in writing.~~

780 ~~All applications for permits to install, change, alter or repair electrical wiring,~~  
781 ~~apparatus or equipment shall be in writing and on forms furnished by the city.~~

782 ~~Sec. 6-59. Reserved.~~

783 ~~Secs. 6-60-6-70. Reserved.~~

784 ~~DIVISION 3. INSPECTIONS~~

785 ~~Sec. 6-71. Electrical inspector—Appointment; qualifications.~~

786 ~~The electrical inspector shall be appointed by the city manager. The electrical~~  
787 ~~inspector shall have the necessary training and technical knowledge to enable him/her~~  
788 ~~to carry on the duties of office. The electrical inspector shall not have less than ten~~  
789 ~~years' practical experience at the trade of electrical construction, or, if the electrical~~  
790 ~~inspector is a graduate of an accredited school of electrical engineering, he/she shall~~  
791 ~~have not less than four years' practical experience at the trade of electrical construction.~~

792 ~~Sec. 6-72. Same—Duties and powers.~~

793 ~~It shall be the duty of the electrical inspector to inspect all buildings, structures~~  
794 ~~or premises in or on which electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment is to be used, in the~~  
795 ~~course of erection or repair, and to enter into and examine any building where electric~~  
796 ~~current is utilized for light, heat or power for the purpose of ascertaining any violation of~~  
797 ~~this article and enforcing compliance therewith. Upon finding any wiring, apparatus or~~

798 ~~equipment defective or dangerous, the electrical inspector shall deliver a written notice~~  
799 ~~of the violation of this article, or of any regulation of the city commission to the~~  
800 ~~constructing contractor, owner or agent of any building, and direct him/her to promptly~~  
801 ~~remove or repair the defective wiring, apparatus or equipment within a reasonable~~  
802 ~~time. The time allowed for making the repairs shall be stated in the notice and should~~  
803 ~~the responsible party neglect or refuse to remove or repair the defective wiring,~~  
804 ~~apparatus or equipment within the specified time stated in the notice, the party so~~  
805 ~~offending shall be punished as provided in this chapter, and shall cease to use the~~  
806 ~~wiring, apparatus or equipment until after it has been repaired, altered or changed and~~  
807 ~~made to comply with the provisions of this article. The electrical inspector shall have the~~  
808 ~~authority to disconnect the current from any wiring which is immediately dangerous to~~  
809 ~~life or property.~~

810 ~~Sec. 6-73. Same To have access to building.~~

811 ~~The electrical inspector shall have the right to enter any building, manhole or~~  
812 ~~subway during any reasonable hour of the day in the discharge of his/her duties, for the~~  
813 ~~purpose of making any tests on the electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment therein~~  
814 ~~contained, and for that purpose he/she shall be given prompt access to all buildings,~~  
815 ~~private and public, and to all manholes and subways, on application to the person~~  
816 ~~owning, or in charge of same. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, or in~~  
817 ~~any manner hinder the electrical inspector, or any of his/her assistants, while in the~~  
818 ~~discharge of his/her duty under the terms of this article.~~

819 ~~Sec. 6-74. Concealing wiring before inspection declared unlawful.~~

820 ~~It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal or enclose any wiring before it has~~  
821 ~~been inspected and approved by the electrical inspector.~~

822 ~~Sec. 6-75. Wiring to be inspected; to conform to provisions of this article.~~

823 ~~(a) Except as provided for in section 6-35, no system of electrical wiring shall be connected to~~  
824 ~~the distribution lines of the city and no current shall be supplied through any system of~~  
825 ~~electrical wiring which has not been inspected and approved by the electrical inspector.~~

826 ~~(b) No additions or extensions shall be connected to any system of electrical wiring which does~~  
827 ~~not conform to the provisions of this article until after it has been changed or altered and~~  
828 ~~made to conform to the requirements of this article.~~

829 ~~(c) Any existing system of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment which is immediately~~  
830 ~~dangerous to life or property shall be cut off and the electrical service shall not be again~~  
831 ~~reconnected to the distribution lines of the city until after it has been repaired, changed or~~  
832 ~~altered and made to conform to the requirements of this article.~~

833 ~~(d) No electrician, owner, lessee or agent shall increase the load on any wiring system without~~  
834 ~~first consulting the electrical inspector.~~

835 ~~Sec. 6-76. Electrician to be responsible for complete installation.~~

836 ~~The electrician installing the interior wiring in any building, structure or premises~~  
837 ~~shall be required to and it shall be his/her duty to see that all equipment is protected~~  
838 ~~from the weather before applying for final inspection. It shall also be his/her duty to see~~  
839 ~~that installation is complete in every detail.~~

840 ~~Sec. 6-77. Inspections; application; notices; reinspections; fee.~~

841 ~~(a) Electrical wiring will not be considered ready for inspection until all plumbing, pipe work,~~  
842 ~~and major structural units in which permanent wiring is to be installed are in place. After~~  
843 ~~the wiring is complete and all plumbing and piping in place, the master electrician shall~~  
844 ~~notify the electrical inspector that the wiring is ready for inspection. The electrical~~  
845 ~~inspector shall, as soon as possible thereafter, inspect the wiring, apparatus, equipment or~~  
846 ~~appliance, and should he/she find they have been installed in a satisfactory manner and in~~  
847 ~~accordance with the terms of this article, he/she shall place a notice at the service~~  
848 ~~equipment or some other suitable place stating the electrical wiring and equipment in~~  
849 ~~connection therewith has been inspected and approved. If, after inspecting the wiring or~~  
850 ~~apparatus, the electrical inspector should find that it does not conform to this article,~~  
851 ~~he/she shall notify, the contractor, owner or agent in charge of the property that the~~  
852 ~~wiring, apparatus or equipment has been condemned, and that the same shall not be~~  
853 ~~covered or concealed until after it has been changed to meet the provisions of this article.~~

854 ~~(b) The electrical inspector shall reinspect the condemned work only on another notice from~~  
855 ~~the master electrician in charge of the work. Should it become necessary to make a third~~  
856 ~~inspection before the approval of the work, the electrical inspector shall do so only on~~  
857 ~~notice from the master electrician in charge of the work, together with a receipt showing~~  
858 ~~that a reinspection fee has been paid.~~

859 ~~(c) All requests for inspection shall be in writing made to the electrical inspector or his/her~~  
860 ~~representative. Applications for morning inspection shall be in the office of the electrical~~  
861 ~~inspector before 5:00 p.m. the preceding day, and for afternoon inspections, before 12:00~~  
862 ~~noon on the same day.~~

863 ~~(d) Twenty four hours will be allowed for the inspector to make inspection and report,~~  
864 ~~Sundays and holidays not included. On large and complicated jobs, the wiring may be~~  
865 ~~inspected in sections.~~

866 ~~Secs. 6-78—6-90. Reserved.~~

867 ~~ARTICLE IV. PLUMBING CODE<sup>[4]</sup>~~

868 ~~Sec. 6-91. Definitions.~~



869 ~~As used in this article, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the~~  
870 ~~following words and terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:~~

871 ~~Approved shall be held to mean acceptable to the authority enforcing this article.~~

872 ~~Plumbing is the practice, materials and fixtures used in the installation,~~  
873 ~~maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and~~  
874 ~~appurtenances in connection with any of the following: Sanitary drainage and storm~~  
875 ~~drainage facilities, venting systems and public or private water supply systems within or~~  
876 ~~adjacent to any building, structure or conveyance; also, the practice and materials used~~  
877 ~~in the installation, maintenance, extension or alteration of storm water or liquid waste~~  
878 ~~or sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any~~  
879 ~~point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.~~

880 ~~Plumbing inspector shall mean a person who possesses the necessary training~~  
881 ~~and technical knowledge as set forth in this article, and who has been appointed by the~~  
882 ~~city manager to inspect plumbing installation for the city.~~

883 ~~Sec. 6-92. Enforcement.~~

884 ~~The enforcement of this article shall be under the supervision and control of the~~  
885 ~~city manager.~~

886 ~~Sec. 6-93. Intent.~~

887 ~~For the better protection of life and property, and in the interest of the public~~  
888 ~~safety, this article is hereby adopted for the sale, installation, use, repair and~~  
889 ~~maintenance of plumbing, plumbing apparatus and equipment inside of or attached to~~  
890 ~~buildings within the limits of the city or served by water through the distribution system~~  
891 ~~of the city. All plumbing installed within the city shall conform to the ordinances and~~  
892 ~~regulations passed by the city commission.~~

893 ~~Sec. 6-94. Plumbing inspector.~~

894 ~~The plumbing inspector shall have at least five (5) years' practical experience and~~  
895 ~~shall not be directly or indirectly engaged in any way with any firm or corporation~~  
896 ~~engaged in business in contracting or installing plumbing, plumbing supplies and~~  
897 ~~fixtures. Duties of the plumbing inspector shall be as follows:~~

898 ~~(1) Examine plans and specifications;~~

899 ~~(2) Issue permits;~~

900 ~~(3) Inspect the installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing, drainage and sanitation;~~

901 ~~(4) Keep the records of his/her office and render monthly reports to the city manager.~~

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903 ~~Sec. 6-95. Permits required for plumbing construction.~~

904 ~~A permit will be required to install, change, alter or repair any plumbing,~~  
905 ~~plumbing apparatus or equipment within the limits of the city or served by the water,~~  
906 ~~sanitary sewer, or storm sewer through the distribution system of the city, except that~~  
907 ~~permits will not be required for making repairs to existing systems, provided that the~~  
908 ~~repairs will not change or alter the plumbing or apparatus connected thereto. All~~  
909 ~~permits shall be signed by the plumbing inspector. No person shall disturb or remove~~  
910 ~~any public work or materials on any public street, or turn, lift, remove, raise, or tamper~~  
911 ~~with any cover on any manhole, basin, inlet or other appurtenance of any public sewer~~  
912 ~~without a permit from the plumbing inspector which permit shall be kept on the job to~~  
913 ~~be exhibited to the person authorized to examine same. Permits for all rainwater pipes,~~  
914 ~~sewers, sewer plumbing or appurtenances thereto, are given on the condition that the~~  
915 ~~owner, builder or occupant assumes all risk of damage that may result from the~~  
916 ~~installation of same. All permits must be kept on the job and be in the possession of the~~  
917 ~~person having charge of or performing the work. All permits shall be exhibited upon~~  
918 ~~request to do so by any authorized person.~~

919 ~~Sec. 6-96. Reserved.~~

920 ~~Sec. 6-97. Installation of plumbing by owner.~~

921 ~~Nothing in this Code shall prevent any homeowner from installing or maintaining~~  
922 ~~plumbing within his/her own property boundaries, provided the plumbing work is done~~  
923 ~~by himself/herself and is used exclusively by him/her or his/her family. Such privilege~~  
924 ~~does not convey the right to violate any of the provisions of this Code, nor is it to be~~  
925 ~~construed as exempting any such property owner from obtaining a permit and paying~~  
926 ~~the required fees therefor. The plumbing shall be approved by the plumbing inspector~~  
927 ~~before use.~~

928 ~~Sec. 6-98. Reserved.~~

929 ~~Sec. 6-99. Reserved.~~

930 ~~Secs. 6-100-6-115. Reserved.~~

931 ~~ARTICLE V. GAS CODE~~

932 ~~Sec. 6-116. Definitions.~~

933                    ~~The following definitions along with those contained in the code referred to in~~  
934 ~~section 6-121 are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of this~~  
935 ~~article:~~

936                    ~~Certain appliances means conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating~~  
937 ~~plants, vented recessed heaters, water heaters and boilers.~~

938                    ~~Certificate of approval means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the~~  
939 ~~inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together~~  
940 ~~with date, address of the premises, and signed by the inspector.~~

941                    ~~Gas means fuel gases such as natural gas, manufactured gas, undiluted liquefied~~  
942 ~~petroleum gas-air mixtures, or mixtures of any of these gases.~~

943                    ~~Gas company means any person or firm distributing gas within the corporate~~  
944 ~~limits of the city or authorized and proposing to so engage.~~

945                    ~~Inspector means the person appointed as inspector, and shall include each~~  
946 ~~assistant inspector (if any) from time to time acting as such under this article by~~  
947 ~~appointment of the city manager.~~

948 ~~Sec. 6-117. Title; scope.~~

949 ~~(a) This article shall be known as the "Standard Gas Code of the City of Gainesville" and may be~~  
950 ~~cited as such.~~

951 ~~(b) The purpose of this article is to provide minimum standards, provisions and requirements~~  
952 ~~for installation of consumer's gas piping, certain gas appliances, and the storage and~~  
953 ~~handling of gas in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. All such gas piping~~  
954 ~~and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired, and all gas stored and~~  
955 ~~handled within the corporate limits of the city shall conform to the applicable~~  
956 ~~requirements of this article.~~

957 ~~Sec. 6-118. Permits required to install certain appliances, do certain piping work; exceptions.~~

958 ~~(a) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented~~  
959 ~~recessed heater, water heater, boiler, consumers' gas piping, or convert existing piping to~~  
960 ~~utilize natural or liquefied petroleum gases without first obtaining a permit to do such work~~  
961 ~~from the city.~~

962 ~~(b) Permits will not be required for setting or connecting gas appliances other than the ones~~  
963 ~~listed in subsection (a) above, or for the repair of leaks in house piping. Gas companies~~  
964 ~~shall not be required to obtain permits to set meters or to extend, relocate, remove or~~  
965 ~~repair its service lines, mains or other facilities, or for work having to do with its own gas~~  
966 ~~system.~~

967 ~~Sec. 6-119. Inspections.~~

968 ~~Final piping inspection shall be made after all new piping authorized by the~~  
969 ~~permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by~~  
970 ~~plaster or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances~~  
971 ~~have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test in compliance~~  
972 ~~with the Standard Gas Code adopted in section 6-121.~~

973 ~~Sec. 6-120. Reserved.~~

974 ~~Sec. 6-121. Reserved.~~

975 ~~Sec. 6-122. Reserved.~~

976 ~~Secs. 6-123-6-135. Reserved.~~

977 ~~ARTICLE VI. MECHANICAL CODE~~

978 ~~Sec. 6-136. Intent and purpose.~~

979 ~~It is the legislative intent of the city commission by this article to protect persons~~  
980 ~~paying for construction and installation of heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and~~  
981 ~~ventilation facilities in this city from the dangers of dealing with persons holding~~  
982 ~~themselves out to be qualified heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation~~  
983 ~~contractors who are not reasonably knowledgeable and competent and of good~~  
984 ~~character. This article is declared to be remedial and shall be construed to secure the~~  
985 ~~beneficial interest and purpose of providing for the general health, safety, and welfare~~  
986 ~~of the inhabitants of the city by regulating the installation and servicing of heating, air~~  
987 ~~conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation equipment.~~

988 ~~Sec. 6-137. Applicability.~~

989 ~~The provisions of this article shall apply to all installation, maintenance and~~  
990 ~~servicing of heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and ventilation equipment or systems~~  
991 ~~within the city, and to all persons engaging in or holding themselves out to be qualified~~  
992 ~~heating, air conditioning, refrigeration or ventilation contractors within the city.~~

993 ~~Sec. 6-138. Reserved.~~

994 ~~Sec. 6-139. Reserved.~~

995 ~~Sec. 6-140. Reserved.~~

996 ~~Secs. 6-141-6-155. Reserved.~~

997 ARTICLE VII. ~~SWIMMING POOLS~~<sup>151</sup>

998 ~~Sec. 6-156. Definitions.~~

999           ~~The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the~~  
1000 ~~meanings respectively ascribed to them:~~

1001           ~~Fences, walls or screening shall mean suitable fences, walls or screened~~  
1002 ~~enclosures so constructed as to not have openings, holes or gaps larger than eight~~  
1003 ~~inches in any dimension, except for door and gate openings, or alternatively so as to not~~  
1004 ~~have openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches in either the width or height~~  
1005 ~~dimension and unlimited in the other of these two dimensions when the fence is built of~~  
1006 ~~a rigid and inflexible material. The fences or walls must be constructed of substantial~~  
1007 ~~building material such as wood, masonry or steel which will prevent passage. Screen~~  
1008 ~~structures designed and built for the purpose of completely enclosing swimming pools~~  
1009 ~~and constructed of substantial material shall be acceptable. All fences, walls and~~  
1010 ~~screening must be maintained in a condition which sufficiently satisfies the objective~~  
1011 ~~and requirements stated in this article. Hedges shall not be acceptable.~~

1012           ~~Private swimming pool shall include all constructed or prefabricated pools that~~  
1013 ~~are used as a swimming pool in connection with a single family residence and available~~  
1014 ~~only to the family of the householder and his/her private guests.~~

1015           ~~Swimming pool shall mean any body of water in an artificial or semiartificial~~  
1016 ~~receptacle or other container located outdoors which is constructed in such a manner as~~  
1017 ~~to permit a water depth of 18 inches or more and is used or intended to be used for~~  
1018 ~~swimming.~~

1019 ~~Sec. 6-157. Purpose.~~

1020           ~~The purpose of this article is to secure fences, walls or screening around~~  
1021 ~~swimming pools in order to protect young children and other persons from drowning or~~  
1022 ~~other injuries.~~

1023 ~~Sec. 6-158. Applicability.~~

1024 ~~(a) This article shall apply only to a private swimming pool the construction of which was~~  
1025 ~~begun after June 16, 1980 and that passed final inspection prior to October 1, 2000.~~  
1026 ~~Enclosure of swimming pools as specified in the provisions of this article shall be inspected~~  
1027 ~~and approved at the time of final construction inspection by the building official or his/her~~  
1028 ~~designated inspector.~~



1029 ~~(b) All private swimming pools that have not passed final inspection prior to October 1, 2000~~  
1030 ~~must meet the requirements of F.S. ch. 515, (the Preston de Ibern/McKenzie Merriam~~  
1031 ~~Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act).~~

1032 ~~Sec. 6-159. Enclosure required.~~

1033 ~~(a) All private swimming pools shall be enclosed with a fence or wall at least four feet in height~~  
1034 ~~except pools provided with other structures prohibiting unrestrained admittance to the~~  
1035 ~~enclosed area. Any structure used other than a fence or wall shall meet all zoning setbacks~~  
1036 ~~as required in chapter 29. A single family dwelling may be enclosed within the fenced area.~~  
1037 ~~Any dwelling structure may be used as a part of the enclosure. All gates or doors opening~~  
1038 ~~through the enclosure shall be equipped with self closing and self latching devices for~~  
1039 ~~keeping the gates or doors securely closed at all times when not in actual use, except that~~  
1040 ~~the door of any dwelling house which forms a part of the enclosure need not be so~~  
1041 ~~equipped. The latching device shall be located on the pool side of the door or gate, except~~  
1042 ~~where access to the pool opens into a dwelling or pool house.~~

1043 ~~(b) No person in control or possession of land within the city, either as owner, purchaser,~~  
1044 ~~lessee, tenant or as licensee, upon which a private swimming pool is situated shall fail to~~  
1045 ~~provide and maintain such fence or other enclosure as specified by this article.~~

1046 ~~Secs. 6-160—6-175. Reserved.~~

## 1047 ~~ARTICLE VIII. CONSTRUCTION TRADES REGULATIONS~~

### 1048 ~~DIVISION 1. GENERALLY~~

1049 ~~Sec. 6-176. Definitions.~~

1050 ~~Generally, terms in this article have their ordinary, accepted meanings in the~~  
1051 ~~construction industry. The following specific definitions apply:~~

1052 ~~*Apprentice or helper* means a person employed in a trade or craft specified in~~  
1053 ~~section 6-185 for the purpose of learning that trade or craft through practical~~  
1054 ~~experience under the direction and supervision of certified master or journeyman~~  
1055 ~~craftsmen.~~

1056 ~~*Contractor* means a person who engages in business, under express or implied~~  
1057 ~~contract, in the performance of those construction trades specifically included in section~~  
1058 ~~6-185, or who undertakes or offers to undertake or purports to have the capacity to~~  
1059 ~~undertake, or submits a bid to, or does himself/herself, or by or through others, engage~~  
1060 ~~in the business of doing such a construction trade. Neither a person who only furnishes~~  
1061 ~~material, supplies or equipment without consuming them in the performance of the~~  
1062 ~~work of a contractor, nor a person who engages in the activities herein regulated as an~~  
1063 ~~employee with wages as his/her sole compensation, is a contractor.~~

1064 ~~Contractor certificate means a certificate of competency issued by the city prior~~  
1065 ~~to August 1, 1995, which certifies that its holder has met this article's requirements to~~  
1066 ~~engage in business as a contractor in the category indicated on the certificate. A~~  
1067 ~~contractor certificate is not a business tax receipt.~~

1068 ~~Craftsman certificate means a certificate of competency issued by the city which~~  
1069 ~~certifies that its holder has met this article's requirements and is competent to perform~~  
1070 ~~the trade or craft indicated on the certificate. A craftsman certificate does not qualify~~  
1071 ~~the holder to engage in business as a contractor.~~

1072 ~~Journeyman craftsman means a person who has been examined by the city and~~  
1073 ~~found to have the required skill, knowledge and experience to do the work in the~~  
1074 ~~performance of a particular trade or craft and holds a current valid journeyman~~  
1075 ~~craftsman certificate issued by the city.~~

1076 ~~Master craftsman means a person who has been examined by the city and found~~  
1077 ~~to have the required skill, knowledge and experience to plan, layout, supervise and do~~  
1078 ~~the work of a particular trade or craft and who holds a current valid master craftsman~~  
1079 ~~certificate issued by the city.~~

1080 ~~Qualifying agent means a person who holds a current master craftsman~~  
1081 ~~certificate issued by the city and who is employed and designated by a contractor, in~~  
1082 ~~writing, to serve as qualifying agent, and who has agreed, in writing, to serve as~~  
1083 ~~qualifying agent for that contractor and no other.~~

1084 ~~Trade and craft mean occupations in the construction field which require skill,~~  
1085 ~~knowledge, manual ability and experience to perform, and include only those specific~~  
1086 ~~occupations provided in section 6-185.~~

1087 ~~Sec. 6-177. Purpose.~~

1088 ~~In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared necessary~~  
1089 ~~to establish regulations to ensure that persons engaged in the contracting for a~~  
1090 ~~performance of certain trades, construction, equipping and installations of and in~~  
1091 ~~buildings and structures are competent to perform their work and possess the~~  
1092 ~~experience, education, skill and financial capability to adequately produce construction,~~  
1093 ~~equipment and installation which are safe to persons and property.~~

1094 ~~Sec. 6-178. Scope.~~

1095 ~~This article includes the work of craftsmen and contractors as provided in section~~  
1096 ~~6-185 on private and public property, except:~~

- 1097        ~~(1) *Utilities.* Work performed by the employees or contractors of a public utility, including~~  
1098                ~~railroads, and communications utilities, on equipment, rights-of-way, easements and~~  
1099                ~~operating facilities of the utility and which is not, by reason of that special use,~~  
1100                ~~normally or usually performed by craftsmen or contractors regulated by this article;~~
- 1101        ~~(2) *Certain equipment and machinery.* Work on ships, aircraft, automotive, mine and~~  
1102                ~~industrial process equipment and operating machinery;~~
- 1103        ~~(3) *Conflict with state or federal law.* Work upon a site or project where federal or state~~  
1104                ~~law supersedes this article; and~~
- 1105        ~~(4) *Registration and certification under state law.* Work performed by contractors in the~~  
1106                ~~various construction trades who do not hold a contractor certificate issued by the city~~  
1107                ~~and who are certified or registered as provided by state statutes, except as provided in~~  
1108                ~~section 6-196.~~

1109    ~~Sec. 6-179. Contractor certificate—Required to engage in business.~~

1110    ~~(a) *Generally.* It is unlawful for any person to engage within the city in the business or act in~~  
1111                ~~the capacity of a contractor as provided in section 6-185 without a valid contractor~~  
1112                ~~certificate as provided in this article.~~

1113    ~~(b) *Bidding on city projects.* Any person who bids or proffers a bid to the city on any public~~  
1114                ~~works project within the scope of this article shall, at the time the bid or proffer of bid,~~  
1115                ~~hold a valid contractor certificate issued by the city qualifying him/her to perform the work~~  
1116                ~~proposed by the bid and contract documents.~~

1117    ~~(c) *Sunsetting city certification program.* As of August 1, 1995, the City of Gainesville will no~~  
1118                ~~longer test or certify construction contractors for local licenses. Any contractor not~~  
1119                ~~certified by the city prior to August 1, 1995, and desiring to work in the city on or after~~  
1120                ~~August 1, 1995, must be certified by the State of Florida as provided in F.S. Ch. 489.~~

1121    ~~(d) *Grandfathering current certificate holders.* Any construction contractor who has a valid~~  
1122                ~~active certificate from the construction trades advisory board of the city as of August 1,~~  
1123                ~~1995, may continue to perform the work for which certified provided the certificate is~~  
1124                ~~renewed as provided in section 6-193.~~

1125    ~~Sec. 6-180. Same—Application.~~

1126                ~~The applicant for a craftsman certificate shall apply on a form prescribed by the~~  
1127                ~~building official. The building official shall retain the application and all supporting~~  
1128                ~~papers as a permanent record as long as the certificate issued thereon is valid and then~~  
1129                ~~in accordance with records retention requirements.~~

1130    ~~Sec. 6-181. Bond and insurance requirements of contractors.~~

1131                ~~Every contractor, except contractors holding a current state certification of~~  
1132                ~~competency, shall file with the building official a surety bond payable to the city in the~~

1133 amounts indicated below, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in  
1134 the state with the following conditions:

1135 ~~(1) The contractor shall protect the city and the owner of premises on which the~~  
1136 ~~contractor does any work against all loss or damage occasioned by the negligence of~~  
1137 ~~the contractor in failing to promptly execute and protect all work done by him/her or~~  
1138 ~~his/her employees, or done under his/her direction or supervision, and against all loss~~  
1139 ~~or damage occasioned by or arising in any manner from any such work which is not~~  
1140 ~~caused by the negligence of the city, its agents or employees. If a person shall hold a~~  
1141 ~~contractor's certificate in more than one craft then a bond must be provided for each~~  
1142 ~~craft.~~

1143 ~~(2) The contractor shall comply with all ordinances in force from time to time in the city~~  
1144 ~~relating in any way to the work done by him/her.~~

1145 ~~(3) The bond is for the benefit of all persons injured or aggrieved by any violation of or~~  
1146 ~~neglect or observe the laws of the state and ordinances of the city related to work~~  
1147 ~~done by the contractor or to the rules and regulations established under the authority~~  
1148 ~~of those laws and ordinances.~~

1149 ~~(4) The city shall receive thirty days' written notice by certified mail to the building official~~  
1150 ~~before cancellation or any material change becomes effective. The bond and renewals~~  
1151 ~~thereof shall be approved by the legal division as to form. Bond renewals shall be filed~~  
1152 ~~as necessary to keep the required coverage in force.~~

1153 ~~(5) Bond amounts are as follows:~~

1154 ~~a. Building contractor, \$10,000.00;~~

1155 ~~b. Master craftsman, \$10,000.00;~~

1156 ~~c. Specialty craftsman, to include any other building or construction trades not~~  
1157 ~~otherwise covered, including but not limited to roofers, siding, service drains and~~  
1158 ~~cleaning, plasters, cement finishers, brick or block masons and similar trades,~~  
1159 ~~\$5,000.00;~~

1160 ~~d. Consumer gas piper, \$1,000.00.~~

1161 ~~(6) Liability insurance.~~

1162 ~~a. Every contractor shall furnish the building official evidence that the contractor has~~  
1163 ~~in full force and effect a policy of public liability insurance with respect to such~~  
1164 ~~contractor's business, trade or occupation issued by an insurance company~~  
1165 ~~authorized to do business in the State of Florida. The amounts of the policy shall~~  
1166 ~~be at least equal to but not limited to those amounts required by the State of~~  
1167 ~~Florida.~~

1168 ~~b. If such insurance expires or is at any time canceled, then the certification or~~  
1169 ~~registration of such person shall be immediately and automatically suspended;~~

1170 and it shall be unlawful thereafter for the person to engage in such business until  
1171 the certification or registration is reinstated.

1172 ~~c. Worker's compensation insurance. Except as exempted by law, every contractor~~  
1173 ~~shall maintain worker's compensation insurance issued by an insurance company~~  
1174 ~~authorized to do business in this state as required by law. Evidence of such~~  
1175 ~~insurance shall be filed with the building official.~~

1176 ~~Sec. 6-182. Qualifications for obtaining permits.~~

1177 ~~Except as otherwise provided by law, application for a permit to perform work~~  
1178 ~~within the scope of this article will be accepted only from a contractor holding a current~~  
1179 ~~contractor certificate and business tax receipt required by law and ordinance, against~~  
1180 ~~whom no revocation or suspension of any of the required certificates or licenses is~~  
1181 ~~pending. An application for a permit shall be signed by the qualifying agent of the~~  
1182 ~~contractor where required.~~

1183 ~~Sec. 6-183. Persons without certificates representing themselves as contractors.~~

1184 ~~It is unlawful for a person required to possess a current contractor certificate,~~  
1185 ~~not possessing such a certificate:~~

1186 ~~(1) To advertise to the public in a newspaper, airwave transmission, or telephone~~  
1187 ~~directory, or otherwise, that the person is a contractor, or is qualified to engage in~~  
1188 ~~business as a contractor, or~~

1189 ~~(2) To hold himself/herself out as a contractor as plaintiff or defendant in any court of this~~  
1190 ~~state.~~

1191 ~~Sec. 6-184. Contractor identification.~~

1192 ~~(a) Vehicles. Every contractor doing business in the city shall identify all of his/her vehicles~~  
1193 ~~used to transport materials and equipment to a job site, by placing thereon, his/her~~  
1194 ~~identification, by name or symbol, and his/her contractor certificate number, each in at~~  
1195 ~~least two (2) locations in at least two-inch letters.~~

1196 ~~(b) Advertising. Every contractor doing business in the city shall include his/her contractor~~  
1197 ~~certificate number in any advertising to the public in a newspaper, airwave transmission,~~  
1198 ~~telephone directory, or otherwise.~~

1199 ~~Sec. 6-185. Trades, crafts and contractors.~~

1200 ~~(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by law, it is unlawful for any person to engage in~~  
1201 ~~contracting, trade or craft as specified in this section without a certificate issued by the city~~  
1202 ~~for the particular construction, trade or craft engaged in. But a worker, helper or~~  
1203 ~~apprentice who is not so certified may work at such a trade or craft if he/she is employed~~  
1204 ~~by a contractor qualified in the trade or craft and he/she is working under the direct~~