

ORDINANCE NO. 046-15

2015 PLUMBING CODE  
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA, BY REPEALING CHAPTER 35 THEREOF ENTITLED "PLUMBING CODE", CONSISTING OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 2012 EDITION AS AMENDED; AND ENACTING AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 35 IN LIEU THEREOF ENTITLED "PLUMBING CODE", BEING THIS ORDINANCE HEREAFTER SET OUT, WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS, IN THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 35 of the Municipal Code of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, entitled, "PLUMBING CODE," BEING THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 2012 AS AMENDED, is hereby repealed and a new Chapter 35 is hereby adopted in lieu thereof, as follows:

### "CHAPTER 35 - PLUMBING CODE

#### 35.1 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE 2015 ADOPTED

Except as hereinafter added to, deleted, modified, or amended, there is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that certain plumbing code known as the Uniform Plumbing Code, 2015 Edition, including Chapters 1 through 12 and Chapter 14, with Chapters 13, 15, 16, 17 and Appendixes A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J and L, adopted for reference/design purposes only, as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; in addition, only Table 403.1 and Section 419 (419.1, 419.2, 419.3) of the International Plumbing Code, 2015 Edition as published by the International Code Council, Inc.; and the provisions of said Plumbing Code of the City of Cedar Rapids, as may be amended from time to time, shall be controlling in the construction and maintenance of plumbing and in all other matters covered by said Plumbing Code within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and shall be known as the "Plumbing Code".

Fuel gas piping shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 12 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 2015 Edition, unless the provisions conflict with the adopted International Fire Code 2015 edition (IFC 2015). Where Chapter 12 is in conflict with the provisions of the IFC 2015, the IFC shall be followed.

#### 35.2 101.2 and 101.3 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

Section 101.2 Scope is added as follows:

Section 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall include and apply to all plumbing work, plumbing installations and plumbing equipment hereafter installed, constructed, altered, serviced, or repaired in, for or about any new, remodeled, or relocated building or structure in the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

### 35.3 102.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 103.5 Conflict of interest is added as follows:

Section 103.5 Conflict of interest. The building official, inspectors and other employees who are engaged in building inspections or plan review activities in accordance with this code shall not directly or indirectly perform and/or be involved in any work, sales of services, equipment, materials or systems regulated by this code for any financial gains/benefits nor enter into any written or verbal contractual agreements for financial gains/benefits. Employees may perform work or activities regulated by this code when it is without compensation or other financial benefits. In no event, shall the employee inspect or be involved in the inspection process on any project where the employee performed work or has a financial interest.

### 35.4 107PLUMBING BOARD OF APPEALS

Section 107Plumbing Board of Appeals is added as follows:

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(a) Establishment of the Board. There is hereby established a Plumbing Board of Appeals, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," with authority and responsibility as follows:

1. To act as a Board of Appeals as provided in the Plumbing Code of Cedar Rapids.
2. To periodically review the provisions of the Plumbing Code of Cedar Rapids and make recommendations to the City Council for improving and updating said document.

(b) Composition of the Board. The Board shall consist of 7 members, all of whose place of business, residence, or work is located in the City of Cedar Rapids. All members shall be qualified by experience and training to pass judgment upon matters pertaining to the installation of plumbing. The membership shall be as follows: 2 licensed master plumbers, 2 licensed journeyman plumbers, one registered professional mechanical or sanitary engineer, one registered professional architect, and one member at large, with no one company or interest being represented by more than one member on the Board. The City Plumbing Inspector or their designee shall act as Secretary to the Board.

(c) Appointment of Members and Terms of Office. The members of the Plumbing Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. After the initial appointment of the Board, the terms of the members shall be for 3 years except that the initial terms shall be so arranged and staggered that the terms of no more than 2 members shall expire on December 31 of any one year. A vacancy within any term shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired portion of that term only. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

The Board shall designate a member as chairperson and vice-chairperson and shall adopt reasonable rules for conducting its investigations and proceedings, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the Building Official with a duplicate

copy to the appellant and may recommend to the City Council new legislation as is consistent therewith.

(d) Quorum. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(e) Powers, Duties and Limitations of the Board. The Plumbing Board of Appeals shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To hold regular meetings in February, June, and October of each year or more frequently if determined necessary for the purpose of plumbing appeals.
2. To hear appeals from the decision of the Plumbing Inspector and to rule on interpretations of the provisions of the Plumbing Code of Cedar Rapids, and to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction consistent with the provisions of this Plumbing Code. The Board shall have no authority to waive requirements of this Code.
3. To keep a complete record of the official proceedings of the Board; to preserve all documents, books, and papers relating to appeals and hearings of complaints and charges for at least 3 years.

#### 35.5 103.3.1 STATE LICENSING AGREEMENTS

Section 103.3.1 Licensing is added as follows:

Section 103.3.1. The examination, qualification and licensing of Plumbing Contractors, Plumbers and Pipe Layers, and the registration of Apprentice Plumbers, shall be in accordance with the State Licensing Agreement per chapter 105 of the Iowa Code.

Exception. Except as provided herein below, no person shall engage in the business of contracting, planning or supervising plumbing or pipe laying work as regulated by these regulations within the jurisdiction of Cedar Rapids unless such person is licensed as a Licensed State Contractor under chapter 105 of the Iowa Code and has obtained a permit therefore from the Building Official according to the provisions of the Plumbing Code. No person shall perform plumbing work as regulated by the Plumbing Code of Cedar Rapids and Chapter 105 of the State Licensing Agreement unless said person is licensed as provided in the State Licensing Agreement per chapter 105 of the Iowa Code and a permit has been obtained for the work.

#### 35.6 104.1 PLUMBING PERMITS

Section 104.1 Plumbing Permits is added as follows:

Section 104.1 Except as otherwise provided hereunder, no plumbing work in the City of Cedar Rapids shall be undertaken unless there has been issued a Building Permit therefore by the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Except as provided below, such permit shall be issued only to a Licensed State Contractor under chapter 105 of the Iowa Code or a homeowner performing work on the owner's principal residence pursuant to Section 105.11(3) of the Code of Iowa (2015).

Any person or person(s) doing work regulated by this code, or causing such work, shall first make application to the Building Official and obtain the required permit prior to such work. An investigation fee may be charged when a permit has not first been obtained.

Any person who commences any work before obtaining the necessary *permits* shall be subject to a fee established by The City Council of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa by resolution that shall be in addition to the required *permit* fees and investigation fees.

Exception. Repairs which involve only the working parts of a faucet or valve, the clearance of stoppages, or the replacement of defective faucets or valves may be made without the issuance of a permit, provided that no alterations are made in the existing waste, vent or water piping to fixtures.

#### 35.7 104.3 (7) APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Section 104.3 Application for Permits is modified by adding subsection (7) to that section as follows:

(7) Application for a permit for plumbing work shall be made on forms prepared and provided by the City of Cedar Rapids. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee computed in accordance with the schedule of fees established by resolution of the Cedar Rapids City Council.

#### 35.8 104.3.1 Construction Documents

Section 104.3.1 Construction Documents is added as follows:

Section 104.3.1 Plans. Two sets of plans and specifications, certified architectural or engineered, shall be required by the Plumbing Inspector for all plumbing installations or modifications in buildings where the Iowa Code requires the certification on the building and structural plans. Electronic submittals shall be accepted with the approval of the Building Official.

#### 35.09 104.5 FEES

Section 104.5 Fees and 104.5.2 Investigation Fees are deleted and a new Section 104.5 Fees is added as follow:

Section 104.5 Fees. Plumbing permits shall not be issued until the fees, as set forth and established by resolution of the Cedar Rapids City Council, have been paid to the City Treasurer. Re-inspection, special inspection and investigation fees shall be established by resolution of the Cedar Rapids City Council.

#### 35.10 105.2.4 ADVANCE NOTICE

Section 105.2.4 Advance Notice is deleted and a new Section 105.2.4 Advance Notice is added as follows:

Section 105.2.4 Advance Notice.

It shall be the duty of the permit-holder or his representative to notify the inspector or their representative that the work is ready for inspection or test (per Division policy).

#### 35.11 105.2.6 RE-INSPECTIONS

Section 105.2.6 Re-inspections is deleted and a new Section 105.2.6 Re-inspections is added as follows:

Section 105.2.6 Re-inspection fees. A re-inspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or re-inspection when such work or portion of such work for which the inspection is called for is not complete or when corrections called for are not made.

Re-inspection fees may be assessed when the Permit is not posted or otherwise available on the work site, the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, access is not provided on the date for which the inspection is requested, the property and building address are not properly posted, or when there is a deviation from plans requiring approval of the Building Official.

This section is not to be interpreted as requiring re-inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with requirements of this Code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or re-inspection.

#### 35.12 ANNEXED AREAS AND NEW SEWER MAINS

Section 35.12 Annexed Areas and New Sewer Mains is added as follows:

Section 35.12 Annexed Areas and New Sewer Mains. In newly annexed areas or in existing areas receiving initial sanitary sewer main service, the plumbing system in existing buildings may be accepted by the Plumbing Inspector as suitable for connection to the city sanitary sewer system provided that all new portions of the plumbing system comply with the provisions of this Code and further provided that any unsafe or hazardous plumbing is corrected.

#### 35.13 301.6 CHANGE IN USE OF PLUMBING SYSTEM

Section 301.6 Change in Use of Plumbing System is added as follows:

Section 301.6 Change in Use of Plumbing System. When a building, or portion thereof, is converted or remodeled for a use classification or occupancy which is different from the original use for which the plumbing system was designed, said existing plumbing system shall be exposed as necessary for a comprehensive inspection and shall be made to reasonably comply with the functional provisions of this Code in the same manner as applicable to any existing plumbing system to which new plumbing is added.

#### 35.14 418.3(1) LOCATION OF FLOOR DRAINS

Section 418.3(1) is deleted and a new Section 418.3 (1) is added as follows:

Section 418.3(1) Toilet rooms containing two or more water closets or a combination of one water closet and one urinal, except in a dwelling unit and except when installation is in wood construction.

#### 35.15 422.1 FIXTURE COUNT

Section 422.1 Fixture Count the first paragraph and references in Table 403.1 is modified and footnote h is added to Table 403.1 as follows:

Section 422.1 Fixture Count. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of building occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 403.1 of the 2015 International Plumbing Code. The total occupant load and occupancy classification shall be determined in accordance with the City of Cedar Rapids Building Code. Occupancy classifications not shown in Table 403.1 of the 2015 International Plumbing Code shall be considered separately by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Separate toilet facilities for food and drink consumption facilities shall be provided when the occupant load is more than 10.

Table 403.1 Drinking Fountain Column. This column shall be a reference to Section 415 of the Plumbing Code.

Table 403.1 Water Closets (Urinals see Section 419.2). This column shall be a reference to Section 423.1 of the Plumbing Code.

Table 403.1 footnote f. Access to these facilities shall be provided from within the building served. A minimum of one urinal shall be provided for general use in offices or public buildings.

#### 35.16 422.6 PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Section 422.6 Public Restrooms is added as follows:

Section 422.6 Public Restrooms. Restrooms shall be made available to the general public in the following non-inclusive list categorized by building occupancy groups as listed in the Building Code:

- (a) Assembly (A). All uses.
- (b) M and B Occupancies. All uses except: M and B occupancies, less than 1,500 total square feet and/or providing an in-house service to less than 10 individuals including employees, shall provide a minimum of one unisex handicapped restroom. Retail and wholesale stores are required to have a minimum of one drinking fountain.
- (c) Educational (E). All uses.
- (d) Hazardous (H). As determined by Administrative Authority.
- (e) Residential (R). Division 1 (Hotel Offices).
- (f) Industrial (I). All uses.

#### 35.17 423.1 URINALS

Section 423.1 Urinals is added as follows:

423.1 Urinals. Section 419 of the 2012 International Plumbing Code shall be referenced (including 419.1, 419.2, and 419.3).

#### 35.18 603.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Section 603.4 General Requirements is added as follows:

Section 603.4 General Requirements. All installation of said devices and appurtenances shall be done by a licensed plumbing contractor. All required devices shall be tested annually as prescribed by Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

#### 35.19 604.3 COPPER TUBE.

Section 604.3 Copper Tube is deleted and a new Section 604.2 Copper Tube is added as follows:

Section 604.3 Copper Tube. Copper water-tube for water piping shall have a weight of not less than Type K for underground installations and Type L or M for above ground installations.

#### 35.20 PUBLIC SYSTEMS AVAILABLE

Section 35.20 Public Systems Available is added as follows:

Section 35.20 Public Systems Available. A public water supply system shall be deemed available to premises used for human occupancy if such premises are located within 250-feet, measured along a street, alley, or easement, of the public water supply and a connection conforming with the standards set forth in this Code may be made thereto.

#### 35.21 701.2(4) DRAINAGE PIPING

Section 701.2 Drainage Piping is modified by deleting subsection (4) and adding a new subsection (4) as follows:

(4) Copper tube for underground drainage and vent piping shall have a weight of not less than that of copper drainage tube Type L. Copper tube for aboveground drainage and vent piping shall have a weight of not less than that of copper drainage tube Type M.

#### 35.22 703.1.1 MAIN BUILDING DRAIN.

Section 703.1.1 Main Building Drain is added as follows:

Section 703.1.1 Main Building Drain. The main building drain shall be a minimum of 4-inches in diameter and terminate with a minimum of a 4" X 3" long sweep.

#### 35.23 707.4 LOCATION

Section 707.4 Location is modified as follows (keeping the four exceptions in Section 707.4 as written):

Section 707.4 Location. Each horizontal drainage pipe shall be provided with a cleanout at its upper terminal and each run of piping, that is more than fifty (50) feet in total developed length, shall be provided with a cleanout for each fifty (50) feet, or fraction thereof, in length of such piping. All slab constructed buildings and multiple building units shall be provided with an approved two-way clean-out fitting (Siamese) outside of a building at the lower end of the building drain extended to grade. Building sewers shall be provided with a full size clean out within 2-feet (2') of any building or structure. (Exterior or interior installation.) Cleanouts will not be required to be larger than 4" in diameter.



#### 35.24 710.1 BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Section 710.1 Backflow Prevention is modified by adding the following to the end of that section:

The requirement for the installation of a backwater valve shall apply only when determined necessary by the by the City Engineer or Building Official based on local conditions. When a valve is required by the authority having jurisdiction, it shall be a manually operated gate valve or fullway ball valve. An automatic backwater valve may also be installed but is not required.

#### 35.25 713.4 PUBLIC SEWER AVAILABILITY

Section 713.4 Public Sewer Availability is deleted and replaced as follows:

713.4 Public Sewer Availability. The public sewer shall be permitted to be considered as not being available where such public sewer or a building or an exterior drainage facility connected thereto is located more than 250 feet from a proposed building or exterior drainage facility on a lot or premises that abuts and is served by such public sewer.

#### 35.26 717.2 BUILDING MAIN SEWER

Section 717.2 Building Main Sewer is added as follows:

Section 717.2 Building Main Sewer. The main building sewer shall be a minimum of 4-inches in diameter.

#### 35.27 723.1 GENERAL

Section 723.1 General is deleted and a new Section 723.1 General is added as follows:

Section 723.1 General - Building Sewer Tests. Building sewers shall be tested when required by Authority Having Jurisdiction.

#### 35.28 807.3 DOMESTIC DISHWASHING MACHINE

Section 807.3 Domestic Dishwashing Machine is deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 807.4 Dishwashing Machine. No dishwashing machine shall be directly connected to a food waste disposer without the use of an approved dishwasher air gap fitting on the discharge side of the dishwashing machine. Listed air gaps shall be installed with the flood-level (FL) marking at or above the flood level of the sink or drain board, whichever is higher. Commercial dishwashers shall discharge indirectly into a three-inch (3") floor-sink.

#### 35.29 903.2 Use of Copper or Copper Alloy Tubing

Section 903.2 Use of Copper or Copper Alloy Tubing is deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 903.2 Copper or copper alloy tube for underground drainage and vent piping shall have a weight of not less than that of copper or copper alloy drainage tube Type L.

#### 35.30 903.2.1 ABOVEGROUND

Section 903.2.1 Aboveground deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 903.2.2 Aboveground. Copper or copper alloy tube for underground drainage and vent piping shall have a weight of not less than that of copper or copper alloy drainage tube Type M.

### 35.31 904.3 FUTURE VENTS

Section 904.3 Future Vents is added as follows:

Section 904.3 Future Vents. Every building in which plumbing is installed shall have at least one 2-inch dry vent pipe readily accessible in the basement for future use.

### 35.32 906.7 FROST OR SNOW CLOSURE

Section 906.7 Frost or Snow Closure is deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 906.7 Frost or Snow Closure. Where frost or snow closure is likely to occur in locations having minimum design temperature below 0 degrees Fahrenheit, vent terminals shall not be less than three (3") inches in diameter but in no event smaller than the required vent pipe. The change in diameter shall be made inside the building not less than one-foot (1') below the roof and terminate not less than twelve-inches (12") above the roof, or in accordance with the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

### 35.33 1002.2 EXCEPTION

Section 1002.2 Exception is modified by adding an Exception as follows:

Exception: Where 1-1/2 or 2" inch traps are used to serve bathtubs or showers a total developed length of 6' and 0" is permissible.

### 35.34 TABLE 1002.2

Section 1002.2 references Table 1002.2; Table 1002.2 is modified as follows:

Table 1002.2 Horizontal Lengths of Trap Arms  
(Except for Water Closets and Similar Fixtures) 1,2

Trap Arm Pipe Diameter (inches)	Distance Trap to Vent Minimum (feet)
1 1/4	5
1 1/2	5
2	5
3	5
4	5
Exceeding 4	2 x Diameter

For SI units: 1 inch = 25.4 mm

Notes:

- 1 Maintain 1/4 inch per foot slope (20.8 mm/m)
- 2 The developed length between the trap of a water closet or similar fixture (measured from top of the closet flange to the inner edge of the vent) and its vent shall not exceed 6 feet (1829 mm)

### 35.35 1002.5 FLOOR DRAINS

Section 1002.5 Floor Drains is added as follows:

Section 1002.5 Floor Drains.

- (a) A three-inch or larger floor drain branch shall be taken off at least five feet from the base of a stack and may extend a maximum of 12-feet (12') developed length without reventing.
- (b) Floor drains with the crown weir of the trap elevated above the flow line of the waste line shall be vented or increased by one size minimum.
- (c) A water closet cannot flush past floor-drain unless the floor-drain is vented properly.

### 35.36 1210.15.5 ELECTRICAL BONDING OF CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL GAS SYSTEMS

Section 1210.15.5 Electrical bonding of corrugated stainless steel gas systems is added as follows:

1210.15.5 Electrical bonding of corrugated stainless steel gas systems. Alternative CSST bonding may be approved by the mechanical inspector when such alternative design meets manufacturer requirements and International Code Council - Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) product certification system verification or International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials - Evaluation Service (IAPMO-ES) [see also 310.1.1 of the Fuel Gas Code for an alternative design].

### 35.37 VIOLATIONS

Section 35.37 Violations is added as follows:

Section 35.37 Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, occupy, use or maintain any building or structure in the City or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this Code.

Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code, or fail to comply therewith, or any of the requirements thereof, may be prosecuted within the limits provided by State or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after the due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense."

Section 2. The various Sections, Subsections, Chapters or parts of this ordinance and of the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code hereby adopted are hereby declared to be severable, and in the event that any such part of these provisions shall be held invalid for any reason, the

invalidity of such Section, Subsection, Chapter or part shall not invalidate any other of the provisions of this ordinance or of the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code hereby adopted.

Section 3. Pursuant to published notice, a public hearing has been duly conducted upon the date, time, and at the place fixed in said notice upon the adoption of this Plumbing Code and the City Council of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hereby determines and finds that said proposed Plumbing Code shall be and the same is hereby adopted as an ordinance of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

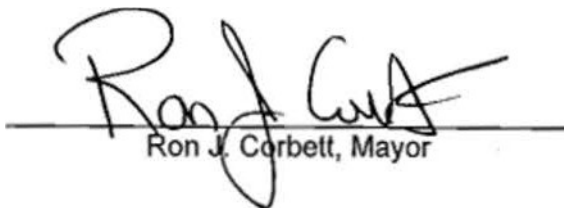
Section 4. An official copy of the Plumbing Code of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hereby adopted, including a certificate by the City Clerk as to its adoption and the effective date thereof, is on file in the office of the City Clerk in City Hall, and shall be kept there on file and copies shall be available for inspection.

Section 5. Following its passage and publication as provided by law, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2016.

Introduced this 23rd day of June, 2015.

Passed this 28th day of July, 2015.

Voting: Council member Gulick moved the adoption of the ordinance; seconded by Council member Vernon. Adopted, Ayes, Council members Gulick, Olson, Poe, Russell, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Weinacht and Mayor Corbett.



Ron J. Corbett, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Stevenson, City Clerk