

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

Present: Seth Jensen, John Sanford, Greg Gallinger, Joe Sliwka, Greg Gallinger and Vince Klino

Seth Jensen: Calling this meeting to order.

Seth Jensen: Is there any Public to be heard? No. Ok lets get a motion to approve our meeting minutes from last meeting. Motion by John and second by Greg. All those in favor. I. Pass.

Seth Jensen: Moving on to old business.

Joe: The new permit schedule went through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The city is now charging for Grease Trap Inspections. I am working on a letter with Crystal regarding the large apartment complexes which includes them pulling permits for hot water tanks and furnaces.

Joe: New Business, I have reports for January 1<sup>st</sup> this year to June 30, 2023. I have a total of 199 total permits pulled broken down to 164 Plumbing Permits and 35 HVAC Mechanical Permits. I'm trying to stop and educate people on why its important to pull permits. I also wanted to talk to you guys about what reads in City Code 816-10 of Plumbing Rules and Regulation handbook & restoration:

*No sump pump or a forced drain of storm water; perimeter drains shall not be pumped to City Street. Any sump pump or forced drains shall be connected to a storm drain by a licensed plumber or drain layer. Where there is no storm drain available, storm water will be connected to a dry well installed on the homeowner's property. All storm water connections shall be approved by the City of Auburn Engineering Department.*

What are your thoughts on changing verbiage in there to include sidewalks? To add not to put sump pump across the city sidewalk. This can be something for future discussion. I do get push back from people when a violation goes out that includes draining over the sidewalk.

Seth: Have you had issues that you have been challenged with the verbiage you are currently utilizing that hasn't allowed you to move forward with the corrected action?

Joe: I say it depends on the homeowner some people take care of it and others shrug it off or state they use to do this before. I can keep writing the violations as I have been and take it Corp Council if need be.

Greg: I will like to know if we can use clear primer for inside work as the purple primer can leave a mess on a homeowner's basement floor?

Joe: I did my research and what I found was our regulations doesn't state anything about color.

Greg: You can buy special glasses to see where the clear primer is located on the pipes.

Joe: What is all your thoughts using the clear primer?

Seth: What kind of equipment do you need to use this primer?

Joe: We just need special glasses to see the primer. I can email the state to just verify that the primer is ok to use.

Joe: Every Monday I check the paper to see who has pulled a kitchen/bathroom remodel permit. I then speak to the girls in Codes and ask if these people pulled plumbing permits. They say no plumbing permits have been pulled. How can someone remodel a bathroom without touching the plumbing? My question is how can we eliminate this problem.

John: I know in Onondaga County when you pull a kitchen or bathroom permit you have to have a Master Plumber pull the permit.

Vince: I think a Plumber should issue a permit before any kitchen or bathroom remodel happens.

Seth: Lets start with an internal conversation between the Codes Department. We can discuss this on our next meeting.

Joe: Ok, lets get the ball rolling on this and come up with a policy on that.

Joe: I had an issue a couple weeks ago with a sump pump in a homeowner's backyard where there two down spouts are going down the hill. The water is going into the neighbor's yard. I had Corp Council look into as we don't have any thing in our Code stating water going from one property to another. They stated it is a civil matter. I suggested to the homeowner (neighbor) to contact her lawyer.

Joe: Lastly, 12 Seymour St has just pulled a permit for this property as the homeowner has several properties in the city and more then half his properties are condemned. He is looking for a break on his \$1,000 fine that I issued him. This fine increases every 30 days left unpaid.

Seth: Sounds to me this person new better as he had a contractor in to do the work illegally.

Vince: The homeowner let this go for too long before he asked for a reduction.

Joe: We agree that we will not reduce his fine.

**Motion to adjourn made by John, seconded by Vince. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried**

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky