

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Wednesday, October 18TH 2023 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

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

Joe Sliwka: Calling this meeting to order.

Joe Sliwka: Is there any Public to be heard? Yes.

Public (1): My name is Richard Spafford and I received a letter stating a fine that I received from the City for doing my own toilet at my property at 407 S Seward. I had my friend help me install it as my wife needed a higher toilet. I am looking for a reduction of the \$1,000 fine. I paid Bianco plumbing to come in and finish the rest of the work. I will like to get a list of all local plumbers and electricians please.

Joe: Once we make the ruling, I will let you know by phone call tomorrow.

Seth: I would wave the fee in this case and just let Spafford know if caught next time then the fine increases.

Public (2): My name is Thomas Spade; I am looking to remove the \$1,000 fine from my rental property on Chase St. I needed to repair the hot water tank. I did hire Bianco plumbing to replace the water heater.

Seth: Did you call the next day to rectify and pull a permit?

Public (2): Yes, the next day.

Seth: We will deliberate and Joe will call you in the morning.

Public (3): Louie Yacht, I have all my information to apply for the drainlayers exam.

Joe: Lou has been doing outside drainage for many years.

Seth: Are you familiar with the permit process?

Public (3): Yes, Joe went over it with me.

Joe: We will review and I will give you call tomorrow.

Joe: That closes our public to be heard.

Seth: Ok lets get a motion to approve our meeting minutes from last meeting minutes. Motion by Greg and second by Joe. All those in favor. I. Pass.

Joe: Greg brought it to my attention that they used the Mega Press and you may get some water in the flange part. The temps can expand and contract this but maybe we can put some silicone in there so water cannot get in there.

Greg: A manufacture actually recommended this.

Joe: I will look into this further and see what other Cities do.

Joe: Master Plumber, Drain Layer and Homeowner's Exam are scheduled for Oct 30. 2023 at 8am at City Hall.

Joe: Codes presented me with the certification of the 2024 Master Plumber List and the Drain Layers List. If you need to please mark up the list. There is a list of the all homeowners that passed up on the wall at City Hall in the Codes Department. The list has not been updated since 2017.

Joe: I was talking to the Treasurer, and we should put a time limit on to how long you can come to the meeting, present your case and ask to waive the fine.

Joe: Recap: Spafford, do we fine the homeowner or the friend that did the work?

Seth: I think the fine is more intended for a business that thinks they know how to do the work.

Joe: Ok, so I will keep the \$150 fine and I will talk to Corp Council to verify who we can fine for this instance. Either the "friend" or the homeowner.

Joe: Recap: Spade, looking for a removal of the fine. Bianco did go into the property repaired and replaced the water heater. You want to waive the \$1,000 fee but will keep \$150 permit fee.

Greg: Waive the fine but let him know the next time the fee will be 2nd offense.

Joe: Recap: Lou, Drain Layers Test. Are we all set with him to take the exam?

Greg: He showed his time.

Seth: Yes.

Joe: I will let everyone know tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe, seconded by Greg. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky