


City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Tuesday, February 15 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall


Present: Seth Jensen, Greg Gallinger, Joe Sliwka

Seth Jensen: Going to be opening it up to the public to be heard. No one, great moving on. Is there any edits to the minutes of Wednesday Dec 1, 2021? There being none, the minutes are accepted and approved.

Seth Jensen: Next up Old Business about Mr. Lovett. Joe Sliwka administered the test and Mr. Lovett passed. Next action is to certify  competency.

Joe: I will contact him and let him know it was approved so he can come in and move forward with his Master Plumber license.

Seth: Can I get a motion to approve Mr. Lovett as a Master Plumber in the City of Auburn. Greg and I will second that.

Joe: Moving on to New Business. We have Stacy from Corp. Council here tonight. About a month ago we had a meeting and it was brought to our attention that in our City Code book in order to be on the board you had to be in the City limits. That includes Joe Donofrio and Scott Dejoy whom have been removed off the Board. So if there are any questions Stacy is to answer them. We are possibly looking forward to either keeping that rule or trying to make a change to open it for outside  people to become a board member.

Public: How does it work if you have a business in the city, as you are paying taxes?

Stacy: Per the regulations it states you have to be a Resident in the City of Auburn.

Public: How did it change, because at the time John Rossi and Mayor stated it changed?

Seth: I don't think it ever changed I think it was more of a provision that it was allowed for, but black in white in our Regulations it does not allow for it. It doesn't mean we can't potentially discuss requesting the change to city council like any other codes related issues. If there is an issue or a new technology that comes available then we need to move forward with a resolution and bring it up to council to consider the change.

Stacy: I spoke to City Manager and Mr. Jensen about this issue. What could happen is the three existing board members can meet and discuss this issue whether not they want to make this change happen. I will caution this as well because there are 2 different types of rules. There are the local rules that we follow and then there are State rules. State rules state the general municipal law requires residency. My recommendation at the point will be to talk to City Manager and Council.

Stacy: I would go through your Rules and Regulation and redline it and bring it to Council for approval. Any changes to the rules have to be approved by Council.

Joe: Lets go through these Rules with a fine tooth comb and get these Rules corrected.

Seth: Action Item, to get the Rules and Regulations in Word and redline the changes you (Joe S.) want to make so our next meeting we can review and approve them by the Board. Then at the same time I can meet with Stacy to meet in an executive session with Council and we can go through and discuss the residency changes. Then we can see if Council will consider the changes for adoption.

Joe: I will be sending all Master Plumbers an email about sump pumps basically all sump pumps will need a permit. We will be charging the \$25 fee for the permit and \$5 as it will be called a fixture. That way I can keep my eyes on it so it is properly discharged. Next I want to talk about Expansion Tanks and water heaters. Should we make expansion tanks a requirement in the City of Auburn?

Greg: I don't think the expansion tank right now is something we need to enforce. Read and follow the manufacture instructions.

Joe: Moving forward we will just check to see if the customer has a PRV or backflow device installed. Moving on I recently got a call from Graeme Gemmell as he is looking take the Master Plumber test for the City of Auburn. He sent me all of his paperwork via email. I will setup a time for him to come in and we can schedule his test.

Public: Who is responsible for sizing grease traps? When you do the FOG inspections are you checking the sizes?

Joe: I ask them if they have a maintenance log, who their hauler is, if they store on premises. Some of the places have their employees clean it to save money. Codes approves it before any new grease traps gets installed.

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

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky