ORDINANCE NO. 259

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE "STANDARD PLUMBING CODE"; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF PLUMBERS; REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ALL PLUMBING, SEWER CONSTRUCTION AND SEPTIC TANKS ATTACHED TO DWELLINGS AND ALL OTHER BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND REQUIRING FEES THEREFOR; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF STANDARD PLUMBING CODE.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, that certain plumbing code, three copies of which are on file in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Solano, State of California, for use and examination by the public, and which said plumbing code is known and designated as the "Standard Plumbing Code," prepared and sponsored by the Pacific Coast Plumbing Inspectors' Association, be and the same is hereby adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance, except as hereinafter specifically provided, and such code is hereby adopted for the unincorporated territory of the County of Solano, and each portion and each provision thereof, except as hereinafter specifically provided, shall be and become the Plumbing Code of the said County of Solano, regulating the construction and repair of all plumbing, sewer construction, and septic tanks pertaining to dwellings and all other buildings, and providing for the issuance of permits and the collection of fees therefor within said unincorporated area.

Buildings and structures upon agricultural property in units of five (5) acres or more when exterior walls are located at least fifty (50) feet from any property line are excepted from the operation of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. MEANING OF TERMS.

Whenever any of the following names or terms are used in said Standard Plumbing Code or in this ordinance, each such name or term shall be deemed and construed to have the following meaning.

a. "City of _____" or "City" shall mean the County of Solano or the unincorporated territory of the County of Solano, as the text may require.

b. "City Council" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano.

c. "State of _____" shall mean the State of California.

SECTION 2. COUNTY INSPECTOR.

Sections 16, 17, and 18 of said Standard Plumbing Code are hereby omitted, as said code is adopted by this ordinance.

It shall be unlawful for the County Inspector to engage in the business of the sale, installation or maintenance of plumbing fixtures, either directly or indirectly, and he shall have no financial interest in any concern engaged in such business at any time while holding such office of County Inspector. Any violation of the provisions of this section by said County Inspector shall be sufficient cause for his removal from office and
he may be removed for other just cause after a hearing by the Board of Supervisors.

It shall be the duty of the County Inspector to enforce all the provisions of this ordinance and of said Standard Plumbing Code and of any other ordinance which may hereafter be adopted regulating plumbing or the business of plumbing and for such purpose he shall have the powers of a police officer.

The County Inspector shall keep a complete record of all the transactions of his office.

The County Inspector shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Board of Plumber Examiners as the same are set forth in said Standard Plumbing Code.

SECTION 4. Section 22 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby revised to read as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 22. BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS.

A Board of Plumbing Examiners consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, by resolution, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, to serve at the pleasure of said Board, who shall be either Licensed Master Plumbers or Licensed Journeymen Plumbers, not less than one of each class. They shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 5. EXAMINATION FEE.

Section 30 of said Standard Plumbing Code shall remain unchanged as adopted by this ordinance, except that the amount therein specified as to be charged for examination shall be changed to Two Dollars ($2.00).

SECTION 6. REGISTRATION.

Section 2 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby changed to read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

Before any person, firm or corporation shall carry on or engage in the business of plumbing within Solano County, such person, firm or corporation, shall first register the name and address thereof with the County Inspector, together with such other pertinent information as said County Inspector may require.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL LICENSE, FEE AND BOND.

Section 4 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby changed to read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

Before any master plumber's license shall be issued or renewed the applicant therefor shall pay an annual fee of Fifty Dollars ($50.00). Such payment shall be made to the County Inspector who shall deposit the same in the treasury of the County of Solano. Applications for licenses shall be verified and shall be filed with the County Inspector. Upon the filing of a verified application, and after applicant has successfully passed the examination provided for in said Standard Plumbing Code, the County Inspector shall issue a license upon receipt of the fee herein provided for and upon the filing by the applicant of a good and sufficient bond satisfactory to the Board of Supervisors, in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), conditioned upon full compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and the faithful performance of all contracts entered into for any plumbing coming under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. EXPIRATION OF LICENSE.

Section 5 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby changed to read as follows:
No master plumber's license shall be issued for more than one year. All licenses shall expire one year from date of issue, unless sooner revoked. Upon the expiration of the yearly license, every master plumber carrying on the business of plumbing within Solano County shall within fifteen (15) days again be registered and pay the yearly license fee as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 9. REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

Section 6 of said Standard Plumbing Code shall remain unchanged as adopted by this ordinance, except that there shall be added at the end thereof the following provision, to wit:

In case any person holding any license under the provisions of this ordinance is convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of any violation of any provision of this ordinance, the County Inspector shall suspend the license of such person, firm or corporation so convicted for a period of time not exceeding thirty (30) days. In addition, any license issued under this ordinance may be suspended or permanently revoked by said County Inspector for just cause, after a hearing before the Board of Supervisors and approval of such suspension or revocation by the Board of Supervisors, of which hearing five days' notice shall be given to the accused.

SECTION 10. PERSONS DOING OWN WORK.

Any person desiring to do his own plumbing work on his own building for his own use shall make application to the County Inspector who shall examine such owner. If after said examination, it appears that such owner has had sufficient experience and is sufficiently familiar with all laws and ordinances of the County of Solano affecting the doing of said plumbing work, or that such owner may be registered without jeopardizing the public safety, the County Inspector shall issue to such owner a special owner's permit authorizing such owner to install, alter, change or repair plumbing equipment in, on or about a building of which he is the owner; provided, however, that no plumbing work authorized under such special owner's permit shall be done nor shall the owner holding such permit allow any work to be done thereunder except personally by the owner to whom such permit is issued, or by a member of his immediate family living and residing with him; and if this or any other provision hereof shall be violated by the holder of any such special owner's permit, such permit shall be subject to immediate cancellation by the County Inspector, and the holder thereof shall be liable to the penalties hereinafter provided for violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. WHEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

Section 11 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby changed to read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

A permit shall be required when any plumbing fixture, waste discharging device, waste pipe, special waste pipe, soil pipe, vent pipe, house drain, house sewer, rain water leader or system, water distribution system, cesspool or septic tank is installed, altered, replaced or removed.

SECTION 12. SCHEDULE OF FEES.

That portion of Section 15 of said Standard Plumbing Code which follows the sub-heading "Schedule of Fees", shall read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

a. Minimum fee for any permit for work requiring inspection, One Dollar ($1.00).
b. For each of the first ten (10) plumbing fixtures, or waste discharging devices, seventy-five (75) cents per such fixture or device.

c. For each additional plumbing fixture or waste discharging device, twenty-five (25) cents per such fixture or device.

d. For each house sewer, One Dollar ($1.00).

The County Inspector shall deposit all fees received by him in the treasury of the County of Solano.

SECTION 13.

The fifth paragraph of Section 20 of said Standard Plumbing Code is hereby changed to read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

Should any person served by such notice fail or refuse to comply with the orders contained therein within the time specified, or fail to commence in good faith to comply with such orders, the County Inspector shall complain against such person in the proper Court.

SECTION 14.

Sections 181, 182, 185, and 186 of said Standard Plumbing Code are hereby omitted as said code is adopted by this ordinance.

SECTION 15. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

It shall be unlawful for any person firm or corporation to do any plumbing or to engage in the business of plumbing, as defined in said Standard Plumbing Code, contrary to or in violation of any provision of this ordinance or of said Standard Plumbing Code, or to cause, permit or suffer the same to be done.

Any firm, corporation or person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or of said Standard Plumbing Code shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and each such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offense for each and every said or portion thereof during which any violation of any of such provisions is committed, continued or permitted and upon conviction of such violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail of the County of Solano, State of California, for not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 16. VALIDITY.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 17. REPEALING.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 18.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after its passage, and shall be published once on or before the eighth day from and after its passage in Solano County Courier a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the County of Solano.
I, LEWIS MORRILL, County Clerk of the County of Solano, State of California, and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular session of said Board held on the 7th day of August 1944, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, O'Grady, Rule Schmeiser and Foley

NOES:

ABSENT: NONE

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Board this 7th day of August 1944.

LEWIS MORRILL
CLERK