

## ORDINANCE NO. 363

### AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 1997 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS THEREOF; TO REQUIRE PERMITS FOR PLUMBING WORK; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PLUMBING CODE AND THE ORDINANCE

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Adoption of Code by Reference. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the State Construction Code Act (Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended) (the Act), the International Plumbing Code/1997 Edition (Plumbing Code), as published by the International Code Council, Inc. is hereby adopted by reference, subject to the modifications contained in this Ordinance.

Section 2. Reference in Code. References in the Plumbing Code to jurisdiction and name of jurisdiction shall mean the Charter Township of Grand Rapids. References in the Plumbing Code and this Ordinance to code official shall mean the Plumbing Inspector furnished by the City of Grand Rapids in accordance with an Agreement dated December 1, 1974, between the City of Grand Rapids and the Township of Grand Rapids. References in this Ordinance and the amended or added subsection of the Code and this Ordinance to the Department shall mean the Building Inspections Office of the City of Grand Rapids.

Section 3. Changes in Code. The sections and subsections of the Plumbing Code referred to in (1) through (12) below are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as hereinafter set forth. The section and subsection numbers set forth refer to the like numbers of sections and subsections of the Plumbing Code:

(1) Section 106.5.1 is amended to read as follows:

106.5.1 Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance. Any person who commences any work on a plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits may be subject to a service fee which reflects an hourly rate for assuring that a permit is secured for the work in question. This administrative service fee is to be paid prior to the issuance of a permit.

(2) Section 106.5.2 is amended to read as follows:

106.5.2. Fee Schedule. Permit fees for all plumbing work shall be as established by resolution of the Township Board.

(3) Section 106.5.3 is amended to read as follows:

106.5.3. Fee Refunds. The code official may authorize refunding of any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected.

The code official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid except on written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

(4) Section 108.4 is amended to read as follows:

108.4. Penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or shall fail to comply with any of the rules and regulations adopted hereunder, or who shall install plumbing work in violation of an approved plan or directive of the code official or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of the code, or who shall operate a water system valve located within the public right-of-way or easement without authorization of the Department, or shall enclose, cover up or put into operation work regulated by this Code before it has been inspected and approved shall be, if found guilty, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed as a separate offense.

(5) Section 108.5 is amended to read:

108.5. Stop Work Orders. Upon notice from the code official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00)

dollars or more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each and every day such work continues following service of the stop work order.

(6) Section 109.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

109.1. Application for Appeal. The owner of a building or structure or any other person may appeal to the board of appeals from a decision of the code official. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is used. At the time of making application for appeal under this section, the applicant shall pay to the Township Clerk a fee established by resolution of the Township Board to defray expenses of compensation of board members for one hearing. Any further expenses incurred by the Township in connection with any appeal shall be paid in full by the applicant prior to the issuance of any ruling on said appeal. The application for appeal shall be filed on a form obtained from the code official within 20 days after the notice was served.

(7) Section 109.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

109.2. Board of Appeals. The board of appeals shall be the Building Code Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids. All appeals shall be governed by the procedures for appeals to the Building Code Board of Appeals.

(8) Section 109.2.1 through 109.7 are hereby deleted.

(9) Section 302.3 is added immediately following Section 302.2 to read as follows:

302.3. Industrial Commercial Chemical Waste Information. When plans are submitted for plumbing installations that involve industrial or commercial type waste, completed process information shall accompany the plans. The information shall include, without limitation, the following:

1. Description of process yielding the waste.
2. Composition and concentration of chemical mixtures in the process.
3. Composition of waste and concentration of constituents.

4. Qualities of wastes to be treated and rates of discharge to treatment equipment.

5. Capacity of largest process tank or tanks that will be simultaneously discharged.

6. Water demands of the industrial waste-producing process.

7. Description of waste treatment equipment to be used, including capacities, methods of treatment, quality of effluent, nature and disposition of products resulting from treatment.

Such information shall be accompanied by the recommendations of the Wastewater Plant Superintendent of the City of Grand Rapids.

(10) Subsection 305.6.1 is amended to read:

305.6.1. Sewer Depth. Building sewers that connect to private sewage disposal systems shall be a minimum of 12 inches below finished grade at the point of septic tank connection. Building sewers shall be a minimum of 60 inches below grade.

(11) Subsection 904.1 is amended to read:

904.1. Roof Extension. All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least 12 inches above the roof, except that where a roof is to be used for any purpose other than weather protection, the vent extensions shall be run at least 7 feet above the roof.

(12) The ACODES@ referenced in Chapter 14 are amended to refer to the 1996 BOCA National Building Code (or such codes as adopted subsequently to replace the same) and to the 1996 International Mechanical Code (or such codes as adopted subsequently to replace the same).

Section 4. Plumbing Official; Inspections. The Code Official shall inspect all plumbing and water service and drainage system installations covered by the Plumbing Code or this ordinance and made within the Township, whether or not they are connected to the water and sewer systems of the City of Grand Rapids installed within the Township.

Section 5. Permits.

(a) Issuance of Permits. Plumbing permits required by the Plumbing Code shall be issued only to authorized master plumbers or single family occupant homeowners on forms provided by the Department.

(b) Discontinuance of Work. An authorized master plumber shall represent only one (1) firm. A firm may have one (1) or more authorized Master Plumbers to obtain permits. The person, firm or corporation to whom a permit is issued is responsible for completion of the work for which there is an active permit. Upon the death or disability of the permit holder, the work may be finished under the same permit under the supervision of another licensed person. If the permit holder does not desire to do the work covered by the permit, either in part or in its entirety, the permit holder shall notify the Department in writing, requesting to be released from responsibility for that part of the work. However, the permit holder will be held responsible for the work completed prior to being released. The Department's record shall indicate the extent of the completed work and the responsibility.

(c) Emergencies. In emergency situations requiring a permit, the authorized person performing the work shall apply for a permit within seventy-two (72) hours of beginning the emergency work.

Section 6. Swimming Pools. The construction of swimming pools in the Charter Township of Grand Rapids shall, in addition to the requirements imposed by the Plumbing Code and this Ordinance, be constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Rapids Township Swimming Pool Ordinance adopted by the Grand Rapids Township Board on September 20, 1966 and effective October 11, 1966.

Section 7. Schools. **[Repealed 9/23/98 by Ord. No. 371]**

Section 8. Registration of State License. All plumbers licensed by the State shall register their State Plumbing License for the current year with the Department and pay the Department's registration fee. No licensed master plumber may register his license as the licensed representative of more than one organization, firm, or corporation at the same time.

Section 9. Penalties. Except as otherwise provided, any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 10. Severability. Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 11. Repeal. Ordinance No. 226 is hereby repealed.

Section 12. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 8(1) of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, this Ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after a certified copy of this Ordinance as adopted is filed with the State Construction Code Commission.

