

CHAPTER 21

GAS SAFETY CODE

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21.01 GAS SAFETY CODE. (1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards and requirements for the safe installation of gas utilization appliances, and gas utilization equipment and utilization piping.

(2) SCOPE. All gas utilization appliances, and gas utilization equipment, and utilization piping hereafter installed within the Village shall conform to the requirements of this chapter.

(3) DEFINITIONS. (a) Appliance. Device or piece of equipment, fixed or portable, which utilizes a gaseous fuel as a source of energy, including but not limited to, for example, gas water heaters, gas central heating, gas stoves, gas refrigerators, etc.

(b) Gas Utilization Piping. Piping installed on the customer's premises, from the termination of the supplier's facilities to gas utilization appliances, used to transport a gaseous fuel from the supplier's facilities to such appliance.

(c) Gas Utilization Equipment. All valves, fittings, appliance regulators, and other materials, devices or apparatus used with gas utilization piping as a part of the installation of gas utilization appliances.

(d) Gas. Vaporous fuels, including natural, manufactured or mixed gas distributed to customers by means of underground piping, by deposit in bulk containers on the customer's premises, or by delivery in portable containers to the customer's premises.

(e) Gas Company or Supplier. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling, installing, or distributing gas or gas appliances within the Village.

(f) Inspector. The Village Building Inspector, or such other Village employee as the Village Board may designate to issue permits and to make inspections to check compliance with these rules.

(g) Minor Repairs. Adjustment of gas appliances, replacement of parts or exchange of similar units or repairing of leaks.

21.02 PERMITS. (1) No person shall install, or cause to be installed, any gas utilization appliances, gas utilization

equipment, or gas utilization piping, without first obtaining from the Village a permit, except that no permit shall be required for work defined as minor repairs

(2) PERMIT FEE. The fee for each permit issued hereunder shall be in an amount as is established from time to time by resolution of the Village Board, payable to the Village Clerk-Treasurer at the time of issuance. A permit may include more than one installation on the same premises, provided that all such installations are to be made as part of a single transaction. [Ord. 475]

21.04 INSTALLATION REGULATIONS. No gas utilization appliances or gas utilization equipment and utilization piping shall be installed within the Village from and after November 17, 1966 until a permit therefore has been issued. After the issuance of such permit, no gas utilization appliance or gas utilization equipment or piping shall be installed except in compliance with the applicable standards hereinafter set forth:

(1) All gas appliances utilizing gaseous fuels deposited in bulk containers on or delivered in portable containers to the customer's premises, and the gas utilization equipment and utilization piping appurtenant thereto, shall be installed in accordance with Chapter Ind. 9 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, entitled "Liquefied Petroleum Gases."

(2) All gas appliances utilizing natural, manufactured or mixed gas distributed to the customer's premises by means of underground piping, and the gas utilization equipment and utilization piping appurtenant thereto, shall be installed in accordance with American Standards Association Code, ASA Z21.30-1964, which is also referred to as National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet No. 54 of the same date, and entitled "Installation of Gas Appliances and Piping" or revisions thereto.

(3) In addition to or in substitution of the requirements in the reference at subs. (1) and (2) above, the following shall be required:

(a) All liquefied petroleum gas appliances having automatic controls shall have safety shut-off equipment on pilot and main burner. All natural gas appliances having automatic controls shall have safety shutoff equipment on main burners.

(b) Water heater installations shall provide a temperature pressure release valve to be installed on the hot water line as near the heater as is practicable or on special

outlet if the heater is equipped with a special outlet.

(c) Unvented Heating Equipment. Room heaters installed at any location, shall be of the vented type and shall be connected to an effective chimney or gas vent and equipped with an automatic pilot.

(d) Shut-off Valve. All valves used shall be A.G.A. approved. In sizes larger than 2" lubricating plug valves shall be used. An individual lever handle gas cock or shut-off valve shall be installed preceding the union or mechanical joint of each appliance, so installed as to be easily accessible for operation and installed so as to be protected from physical damage. For heating units, the shut-off valve shall be installed approximately 5 feet above the floor where possible.

(e) There shall be a master shut-off valve on the outside of the building ahead of the meter and pipes.

(f) Where appliances require a vent such vent shall be of the approved single wall type, except that it shall be BW double wall when it is inserted between walls, roofs, ceilings, and other obstructions.

(g) Temporary Installations. The Clerk-Treasurer, with the approval of the Inspector, may grant a permit for a period of not to exceed 90 days, for the use of gas for temporary purpose by means of utilization piping and equipment other than as specified herein; provided that the gas piping to be used be given a test equal to that required as a final inspection.

(h) Equipment not Covered. In the case of gas equipment not covered by standards of specifications referred to herein, or having a maximum hourly input exceeding 400,000 BTU, or requiring delivery pressure of the gas exceeding 1/2 pound psi, suitable protective equipment shall be selected and installed. The selection of a protective system and components required hereunder but not otherwise covered by this code shall be based on the requirements of individual installation after consultation with the various interested parties, including user, designer, insurance company, the gas company and the Inspector.

21.05 INSPECTION. Inspection shall be made after installation of the equipment authorized by the permit, but before such equipment has been put in regular operation. Where tests are deemed necessary by inspection, all materials and assistance necessary for such tests shall be furnished by the

installer.

21.06 POWERS AND DUTIES OF INSPECTOR. (1) The Inspector shall enforce this chapter and the Inspector or his authorized representative, upon presentation of proper credentials, may enter any building or premises for the purpose of making inspection or preventing violations of this chapter.

(2) After inspection, if it is found that such work complies with the provisions of this chapter and all other requirements of law or ordinance applicable thereto, the Inspector shall notify the gas company that the installation has been approved. However, this chapter shall not be construed as an assumption of liability by the Village for any defective work or any negligence in performing any installations.

(3) The Inspector or his authorized representative may order the gas company or installer to disconnect any appliance which has been connected or without permit having first been issued.

(4) The Inspector, shall, by permission of the owner or occupant, or by due process of law, make an inspection where he has reasonable cause to believe work is being done or has been performed in violation of this chapter. Inspections shall be made between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by special appointment.

(5) The Inspector may enter public buildings used in whole or in part for the purpose of public assemblage when occupied by the public, or at any time in order to examine gas equipment in such building. When an installation has been completed and final inspection made by the Gas Inspector, if he has found that the work complies with this chapter, he shall issue a Certificate of Inspection which shall authorize the turning on of the gas.

21.07 SEVERABILITY. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of such chapter shall not be affected thereby.

However, the provisions of this chapter shall not be construed as an assumption of liability by the Village of any defective work or any negligence in performing any gas installations.

21.08 GAS CODE APPEAL BOARD. (1) There is created a Gas

Code Appeal Board. Such Board shall consist of the Building Inspector, the Fire Chief, one person from a public utility company operating in the Village, and 2 representatives of gas installation contractors. The appointed members of such Board shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval of the Village Board. Such appointments shall be made annually and hold office for the calendar year.

(2) APPEALS. Such Board shall act as a Gas Appeal Board. Any person directly interested, who is aggrieved by any decision of the Gas Inspector or by any requirement resulting from any enforcement of this chapter, may appeal from such decision to the Board. The appeal shall be made by the person aggrieved upon service of a written notice of such appeal on the Inspector, within 48 hours after the decision appealed from is made. The appeal board shall meet within 48 hours after the service of such notice and shall render its decision as soon as it is practicable. The aggrieved party may present his own case to the Board, or may have the assistance of legal counsel. An appeal from the decision of such Board to the Village Board may be taken within 10 days thereafter upon written notice served upon the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

21.09 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit not to exceed \$100.00 and costs of the prosecution, and in default of the payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail of Pierce County, Wisconsin, until such forfeiture and costs are paid, but not to exceed 30 days. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

[Ord. 173]