

## **PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD, THURSDAY, July 17, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: James Turnbaugh, chairperson; Jeff Mason, vice-chairperson; Bob Ridge, Chief Plumbing Inspector; Elizabeth Moore, County Attorney; Tim Burgan, Carl Strine board members; Karen Brown, Plumbing Board Secretary

**ABSENT:** Board Members: Penny Wisner; Anthony DeLuca, contractor; Michael Zepp, Bureau Chief; David Zicha, Brad Rockwood,

Notice of this meeting was provided to the public by emailing notice to members of the Carroll County Plumbing Board and posting notice electronically on the County's website.

The meeting was held at the Carroll County Government Office Building, 225 North Center St, Room 118 Westminster, and called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mr. James Turnbaugh Chairperson.

### **Old Business**

James Turnbaugh went over items that were discussed at the previous meeting in detail including different types and colors of glue have been discussed including green which is accepted if the can matches what is in the code and expansion tanks and types of brackets and straps approved.

### **New Business**

IRC code on the separation of water service and building sewer was discussed including the requirements of the materials being used and the placement of the pipes and sleeving requirements when pipes cross.

Lee Mallick went over the list of approved materials per table P3002.

A recommendation was made to speak to the towns when doing repairs about piping substitutions instead of copper.

At the State Plumbing Conference in Ocean City there was discussions about the banning of all plastic piping possibly happening in the future.

Bob Ridge brought up the topic of trench boxes and asked Liz Moore about county liability requirements. The county requires it to be in writing. Lee also noted to add it to the inspection results as well.

Bob Ridge asked the board for input on laborers needing to have any licenses. Everyone agreed that if they are not installing pipe then no license is required.

The State of Maryland made a change to apprentice license where they can only renew for a certain amount of time.

Carl Strine asked about whole house filters and when it should be installed.

A Health Department permit is needed to tie into a septic line.

A Master Plumber does not need a Utility license in addition to their Master license to install septic lines.

Backflow forms have been updated and are now available online. Backflow device replacement year requirements were discussed.

Mr. Jeff Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Carl Strine seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next scheduled Carroll County Plumbing Board meeting will be held on October 17, 2025.

Submitted by:



Approved by: Karen M Brown

