

PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD, THURSDAY, April 18, 2024

PRESENT: Board Members: James Turnbaugh, David Zicha, Jeff Mason, Tim Burgan, Michael Zepp, Bureau Chief; Bob Ridge, Chief Plumbing Inspector; Bob Kapfer, Plumbing Inspector; John Geisler, Plumbing Inspector; Penny Wisner, Health Department; Karen Gartrell, Plumbing Board Secretary

ABSENT: Board Members: Zach Alford, Master Plumber, Jesse Johnson, Master Plumber, Anthony DeLuca, Contractor, Tim Dixon, County Attorney

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. Bob Ridge, Chief Plumbing Inspector.

### Old Business

Bob Ridge discussed requirements of showerpan inspections becoming the responsibility of the builders. Forms were passed around and reviewed at the previous meeting. There was also a discussion about how the showerpan inspections work and what work can continue. Water requirement is 2 inches in showerpan for 15 minutes.

Backflow to boilers including ASE 1081 boiler is now allowed with atmospheric vent. Information was passed around previous meeting for review about the new boiler specifications.

Kitchen and island sink venting information was reviewed due to problems arising when doing inspections for the venting.

New energy code requirements were reviewed with additional questions from the last meeting.

### New Business

Push in shut off valves installed on ice makers and when replacing faucets, toilets, refrigerators and dishwashers. Homeowners will incur extra expenses by having push in shut off valves installed.

Bob Ridge discussed the Plumbing convention that was held in Ocean City, MD. One topic of discussion included CPVC pipes being banned and what alternatives are available.

CSST piping was also discussed.

All bills that have been introduced can be found on the State of MD website for review.

Jim Turnbaugh was nominated and approved as the chairperson for the Plumbing Board. Jeff Mason was nominated and approved as the vice chairperson for the Plumbing Board.

Mr. Jeff Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tim Burgan 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 July 18, 2024.

Submitted by:

Approved by: