

PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD, THURSDAY, July 27, 2023

PRESENT: Board Members: Anthony DeLuca, Jesse Johnson, Jeff Mason, Tim Burgan, Tom Harris, Code Official; Bob Ridge, Chief Plumbing Inspector; Lee Mallick, Chief Building Inspector; Bob Kapfer, Plumbing Inspector; Penny Wisner, Health Department; Jim Almon, Assistant County Attorney; Karen Gartrell, Plumbing Board Secretary

ABSENT: Board Members: Zach Alford, Master Plumber, James Turnbaugh, Master Plumber; John Geisler, Plumbing Inspector

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 went over the code changes that are taking place on January 1, 2024. 2021 IBC and IRC Use of future ports on gas manifolds, must have nipple and cap no tying in before regulator. Sewer replacement bursting method will remain in code. Bursting method must have pictures taken before and after. Waste line stack testing case by case basis. Buried LP tanks must be completely open and filled with masonry sand. Missed shower pan inspections.

New Business

Problems with unlicensed workers on job. Have an apprentice license at least. Defining the term laborer as to whether they should be performing certain types of work. Master plumbers cleaning up outstanding permits. Tony DeLuca discussed how this issue makes it more time consuming with repeat inspections and problems on the jobs.

Discussion was made about outside walls R requirements.

Waste pipes in garages in bulkheads. Proper insulation is required.

Windows in showers. Have to be 70 inches high, 72 inches from floor, have to be properly flashed and tempered glass. Lee discussed flashing and window requirements.

Regulation of the health dept. Plumber is responsible for 5 ft from clean out. Distance was verified by Penny. Repair requirements discussed including Health Dept. Certified thru MDE to work on septic system and requirements were discussed.

Water heaters and furnaces with pans need to have sensors or switches.

All underslab fittings.

Discharge of sump pumps is not allowed into a street or cause a nuisance.

Requirements for non-conventional powered septic systems.

Commercial kitchens are required to have a floor drain.

Self closing faucets are required in public restrooms. Water temp not to exceed 110 degrees.

Mr. William Heintzelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zachary Alford 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 April 18, 2024.

Submitted by:

Approved by: