

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PIPING EXTENDING FROM THE POINT OF DELIVERY OF GAS FOR USE AS A FUEL AND DESIGNED TO CONVEY OR CARRY THE SAME TO GAS APPLIANCES, AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF APPLIANCES DESIGNED TO UTILIZE SUCH GAS AS A FUEL, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF SAID PIPING AND CERTAIN APPLIANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAID PIPING AND CERTAIN APPLIANCES AND THE COLLECTION OF INSPECTION FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSTALLING, REPAIRING, OR MAINTAINING SAID PIPING OR CERTAIN APPLIANCES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

SECTION 1. TITLE: This ordinance shall be known as the "Gas Code" of the City of Springfield and may be cited as such.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide minimum standards, provisions and requirements for safe installation of consumer's gas piping and gas appliances. All such gas piping and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits of the City of Springfield shall conform to the requirements of this Ordinance and to the specifications, rules, and regulations entitled "Installation of Consumer's Gas Piping and Gas Appliances," Southern Standard Building Code Part Two Gas, 1959-1960 Edition and Pamphlet Number 58, National Board of Fire Underwriters, all of which are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Copies of such specifications, rules and regulations shall be kept on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Springfield, in any instance wherein there is a conflict therein with this ordinance then this ordinance shall govern to the extent of the conflict, otherwise both shall equally apply.

SECTION 3. USE OF EXISTING PIPING AND APPLIANCES: Notwithstanding any provision in this ordinance to the contrary, consumer's piping installed prior to the adoption of this ordinance or piping installed to supply other than natural gas may be converted to natural gas, if the Inspector finds, upon inspection and proper tests, that such piping will render satisfactory gas service to the consumer and will not in any way endanger life or property; otherwise, such piping shall be altered or replaced, in whole or in part, to conform with the requirements of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. BOND AND LICENSE: (a) No person shall engage, in or work at the installation, extension, alteration, of consumer's gas piping or certain gas appliances, until such person shall have secured a license as hereinafter provided, and shall have executed and delivered to the City of Springfield a good and sufficient bond

in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with corporate surety, for the benefit of the City and any and all of its residents and citizens, conditioned for the faithful workmanlike performance of all such work, entered upon or contracted for, in strict accordance and compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. The bond herein required shall be kept in force at all times.

(b) Upon approval of said bond, the person desiring to do such work shall, prior to commencement thereof, secure from the City Clerk a non-transferable license which shall run until the first day of October next succeeding its issuance, unless sooner revoked. The person obtaining a license shall pay an annual license fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) to the City Clerk; provided, however, any license obtained after the first day of April of any year shall be computed at the rate of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the annual fee.

(c) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting an individual from installing or repairing his own appliances or installing, extending, replacing, altering, or repairing consumer's piping on his own premises, or as requiring a license or a bond from an individual doing such work on his own premises; provided, however, all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this ordinance, including those relating to permits, inspection, and fees.

SECTION 5. GAS INSPECTOR AND ASSISTANTS: To provide for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance, the office of Gas Inspector is hereby created. The Inspector, and such assistants as may be necessary in the proper performance of the duties of the office, shall be appointed by the City Commission, and the compensation for such office shall be determined at the time of appointment.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF INSPECTOR: (a) The Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance, and the Inspector, upon presentation of proper credentials, may enter any building or premises at reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or preventing violations of this ordinance.

(b) The Inspector is authorized to disconnect any gas piping or fixture or appliance for which a certificate of approval is required but has not been issued with respect to same, or which, upon inspection, shall be found defective or in such condition as to endanger life or property. In all cases where such a disconnection is made, a notice shall be attached to the piping, fixture, or appliance disconnected by the Inspector, which notice shall state that the same has been disconnected by the Inspector, together with the reason or reasons therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove said notice or reconnect said gas piping or fixture or appliance without authorization by the Inspector and such gas piping or fixture or appliance shall not be put in service or used until the Inspector has attached his certificate of approval in lieu of his prior disconnection notice.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Inspector to confer from time to time with representatives of the local Health Department, the local Fire Department, and the Gas Company, and otherwise obtain from proper sources all helpful information and advice, presenting same to the City Officials from time to time for their consideration.

SECTION 7. PERMITS: (a) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented recessed heater, water heater, boiler, consumer's gas piping, or convert existing piping to utilize natural gas without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the City Clerk; however, permits will not be required for setting or connecting other gas appliances, or for the repair of leaks in house piping.

(b) When only temporary use of gas is desired, the Inspector may issue a permit for such use, for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, provided the consumer's gas piping to be used is given a test equal to that required for a Final Piping Inspection.

(c) Gas Company shall not be required to: Obtain permits to set meters or to extend, relocate, remove or repair its service lines, mains or other facilities, or work having to do with its own gas system whenever outside the property line of the user or within five feet thereof.

SECTION 8. INSPECTION: (a) ROUGH INSPECTION shall be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto.

(b) FINAL PIPING INSPECTION shall be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test, at which time the piping shall stand an air pressure equal to not less than the pressure of a column of mercury twelve (12) inches in height, and the piping shall hold this air pressure for a period of at least fifteen (15) minutes without any perceptible drop. A mercury column gauge shall be used for the test. All tools, apparatus, labor, and assistance necessary for the tests shall be furnished by the installer of such piping.

SECTION 9. CERTIFICATES: The Inspector shall issue a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which a permit for consumer piping has been issued, if after inspection it is found that such work complies with the provisions of this ordinance. A duplicate of each certificate issued covering consumer's gas piping shall be delivered to the Gas Company and used as its authority to render gas service.

SECTION 10. FEES: (a) The total fees for inspection of consumer's gas piping at one location (including both rough and final piping inspection) shall be \$1.50 for one to four outlets, inclusive, and \$0.50 for each outlet above five.

(b) The fees for inspecting conversion burners, floor furnaces, boilers, or central heating plants shall be \$1.50 for each unit.

(c) The fees for inspecting vented recessed heaters and water heaters shall be \$1.00 for each unit.

(d) If the Inspector is called back, after correction of defects noted, an additional fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for each such return inspection.

(e) Any and all fees shall be paid by the person to whom the permit is issued.

SECTION 11. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: Any person that shall fail to comply with or violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or not more than 30 days in jail and the license of such person may be suspended or revoked.

SECTION 12. NON-LIABILITY OF CITY: This ordinance shall not be construed as imposing upon the City of Springfield any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the City of Springfield, or any official or employee thereof be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of approval issued by the Inspector.

SECTION 13. VALIDITY: If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional (or invalid) such (holding) shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 14. DEFINITIONS: The following definitions are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of this ordinance:

(a) "Inspector" means the person appointed as Inspector, and shall include each Assistant Inspector (if any), from time to time acting as such under this ordinance by appointment of the City of Springfield.

(b) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation or any other organized group of individuals.

(c) "Gas Company" means any person, firm or corporation distributing natural gas, bottled gas, butane or propane gas, manufactured gas or gas derived from petroleum products within the corporate limits of the City of Springfield, or authorized and proposing to so engage.

(d) "Certificate of Approval" means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the Inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together with date, address of the premises, and signed by the Inspector.

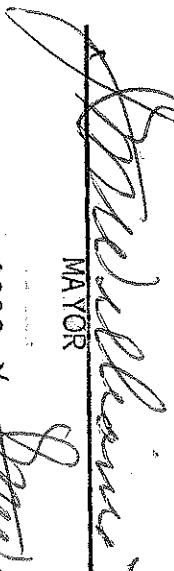
(e) "Certain Appliances" means gas conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating plants, vented recessed heaters, water heaters and boilers.

SECTION 15. ORDINANCES REPEALED: All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED THIS 1 day of Apr 1960 A.D.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

Approved this 1th day of April 1960.   
MAYOR

POSTED AT:

City Hall

(DATE) Apr 11, 1960

Watt's Texaco Station

(DATE) Apr 11, 1960

Ray Warrens Service Sta.

(DATE) Apr 11, 1960