

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 126, 128 AND 129 OF ORDINANCE No. 2411, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PLUMBING CODE, AND INSERTING BETWEEN SECTIONS 126 AND 127 OF SAID ORDINANCE No. 2411, ANOTHER SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 126-A RELATIVE TO UNLAWFUL REPRESENTATION, AND BETWEEN SECTIONS 128 AND 129, ANOTHER SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 128-A RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. Sections 126, 128 and 129 of Ordinance No. 2411, otherwise known as the Plumbing Code, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 126.- Qualifications of an applicant for examination for master plumber.- An applicant for the master plumber's examination shall have the following qualifications: (a) Be a citizen of the Philippines; (b) Possesses good moral character; (c) Be at least twenty-one years of age; (d) Has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude; (e) Be a secondary school graduate or possesses other equivalent academic attainment; and (f) Be able to demonstrate his skill in actual plumbing work before the Board of Examiners to prove his competency and responsibility to ply the trade of master plumber.

"Sec. 128.- Powers and Duties of the Board of Examiners.- The Board of Examiners shall give examination once every two years, prepared questionnaires, require payment of twenty pesos as examination fee from every candidate and subject to the approval of the City Health Officer, furnish diploma or certificate of authorization to successful candidates upon payment of a fee of twenty-five pesos that shall be required before they are granted license, both sums payable to the City Treasurer, and subject to the approval of the City Health Officer, draft rules and regulations for the proper functioning of the Board.

"Sec. 129.- Place of Business.- Every master plumber shall have a place of business or office within the City limits and shall display there, on its frontage, a signboard bearing his name and below it the words "Registered Master Plumber" or "Maestro Plomero Registrado" in big letters. Within his office or place of business, the diploma or certificate of authorization together with his license shall be conspicuously displayed in frame. Every master plumber shall be held directly responsible for any dishonest or fraudulent dealing or transaction made within his office by employees or laborers employed by him. All changes of location of said place of business shall be promptly reported by the master plumber concerned to the proper authorities."

SEC. 2. Two other sections to be known as Sections 126-A and 128-A, are hereby inserted between Sections 126 and 127 and between Sections 128 and 129, respectively, of said Ordinance No. 2411, to read as follows:

Sec. 126-A.- Unlawful Representation.- It is unlawful for any person to act or represent himself as a licensed master plumber by illegally posing as such before property owners or before a person who needs the services of a master plumber, to distribute false calling cards, to falsely advertise himself as legally authorized to solicit and do plumbing work, to make and enter into contract therefor, written or verbal, and generally to conduct plumbing business without first having passed the required master plumber's examination and paid the required business license fee to the office of the City Treasurer.

It is unlawful for a company, partnership corporation or any other firm to advertise or hold itself out to the public as accepting or doing plumbing construction work, or contracting with respect thereto, verbally or by means of placard, dingle, signboard, poster, bill, business card or in any other written form, and in case of a violation of this provision the manager, president, director, general partner, or other officer who committed or caused the said violation shall be held criminally responsible therefor.

A licensed master plumber shall identify himself before property owners or before a person who needs his services by showing or presenting the official badge issued by the City Mayor which certifies that he is a person duly authorized to do plumbing work. And for the protection of the public, the party desiring the services of a master plumber must demand the showing of the identity of the person soliciting the work to insure the propriety of his dealing with him. The official identification badge may be secured from the Office of the City Treasurer upon payment of twenty pesos. Authority to use the official badge holds good only for one year from the date of its issuance, but the same may be renewed annually upon payment of five pesos to the City Treasurer on or before the 15th of January of every succeeding year. Failure to pay the renewal fee as herein required will be sufficient cause for the City Treasurer or his authorized representative to confiscate the said badge from its delinquent possessor. Unrenewed badge shall not be used but shall be surrendered to the City Treasurer. The use of unrenewed badge is unlawful and punishable under letter (e) of Section 130 and Section 132 of this Code.

Sec. 128-A.- Compensation for Members of the Board of Examiners.- All members of the Board of Examiners shall receive each a compensation of six pesos for each and every applicant for examination payable from the examination fees mentioned in the preceding section."

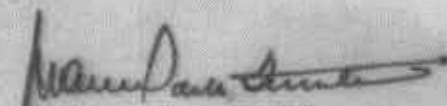
SEC. 3. Any provision in the Plumbing Code found inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted, July 28, 1948.

Approved, *Aug 4, 1948*

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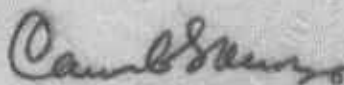


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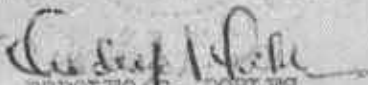


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