

ORDINANCE NO. 19-127

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 TITLED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS\*, ARTICLE IV. PLUMBING AND GAS CODE\* SEC. 6-122. - AMENDMENTS. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the changes set forth would be in the best interest of the citizens of Fort Stockton.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS:

ARTICLE IV. PLUMBING AND GAS CODE\*

Sec. 6-121. Adopted. \*\*\*

Sec. 6-122. - Amendments.

The following amendments to the code adopted in Sec. 6-121 are adopted and shall apply in the city:

(1) The plumbing code adopted in Sec. 6-121 is amended to read as follows:

"Before any person shall engage in the business of plumbing in the city, he shall obtain the proper license from the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and deposit with the city a good and sufficient bond in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)."

(2) Section 303, is amended to approve the following materials only:

Use of rigid P.V.C. plastic pipe for water, sewer lines and stacks shall be permissible within the corporate limits of the city.

**Water Service.** Material for water distributing pipes and tubing shall be P.V.C. scheduled 40 plastic pipe, PEX (or crosslinked polyethylene), copper type L or M or galvanized pipe. CPVC scheduled 80 shall be allowed for hot water piping, however, no P.V.C. or CPVC shall be used where inaccessible water piping in or under floor slabs.

**Sewer Service.** Materials for building sewer shall be vitrified clay, asbestos-cement sewer, P.V.C., cast iron and copper tube. Scheduled 40 or better P.V.C. is permissible for soil and waste piping. Residential yard line shall be SDR 35 or better. All commercial yard lines shall be scheduled 40 P.V.C. or better. All rights-of-way shall be scheduled 40 P.V.C. or vitrified clay.

**Gas Service.** Materials used shall be corrugated stainless steel gas tube (CSST), black steel pipe and polyethylene.

- (3) Riser to the gas meter and building serviced shall be black steel pipe with a three-foot (3') lateral wrapped in plastic or other approved material, sized according to Code, and shall have a valve to shut off the gas. Any repairs completed on gas piping system will be upgraded to Code.
- (4) Gas piping must be laid in a separate ditch with a minimum cover of twelve (12) inches and be not less than twenty-four (24) inches from any new or existing water or sewer line.
- (5) All building sewer[s] shall be inspected and approved prior to backfill. Building sewers shall be tested with at least a five-foot (5') head of water and proved tight.
- (6) No fittings, except P.V.C., having a hub in the direction opposite to flow, or tee branch shall be used as a drainage fitting. No running threads, bands or saddles except on sewer tap shall be used in the drainage system. No drainage or vent piping shall be drilled or drilled and tapped.
- (7) The minimum size for building drains and sewers shall be four (4) inches.
- (8) In the building sewer, a double cleanout of the same nominal size as the pipe, up to four (4) inches and not less than four (4) inches for larger pipe, shall be installed at the junction of the building (house) drain. The building sewer cleanouts shall be installed at intervals not to exceed one hundred (100) feet in straight runs and shall be brought to grade in an approved manner.

- (9) The gas system test on house piping shall be made by closing all openings and subjecting the pipes to an air pressure of fifteen (15) pounds on an air pressure gage or that supports a column of mercury ten (10) inches in height. If this column of mercury is supported by the air pressure or the pressure gage holds to fifteen (15) pounds for a minimum of ten (10) minutes, during periods of constant temperature, the piping shall be considered tight. A final test shall be made for final inspection. The code official may authorize an approved agency or responsible individual, that in the official's opinion, possesses the qualifications to perform the required test.
- (10) A cleanout shall be provided at or near the base of each sink and washing machine waste stack and shall be extended to an easily accessible location above flow or trap line on an outside wall.
- (11) Inaccessible water piping in or under floor slabs shall be minimum weight Type L or better copper tubing sleeved through slab or PEX (or crosslinked polyethylene). Copper piping and PEX (or crosslinked polyethylene) shall be continuous through the floor having no fittings or joints below the surface of the floor.

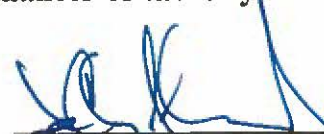
If any provisions, section, exception, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances and to this end all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

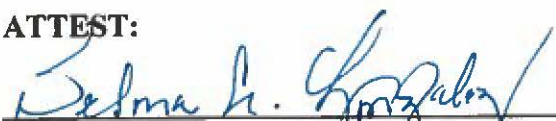
Sec. 6-123. – 6.126 \*\*\*

Sec. 6-127. – 6.139. Reserved.

\*\*\* Denotes that the current information in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton remains the same.

  
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Frank Rodriguez III, CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:  
  
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Delma A. Gonzalez, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:  
  
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Puja Boinpally, CITY ATTORNEY