

ORDINANCE NO. 9974

An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 Plumbing Article 26-II of Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 26-34; to clarify and/or make general corrections to various code sections, to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 26-34 of the Grand Island City Code Chapter 36 is amended to read as follows:

**26-34 General Rules**

- A. All plumbing apprentices actively engaged under the supervision of a contracting master plumber will be required to register with the City Building Department. Experience accrued towards taking the journeyman plumbers test will only be accepted as a registered apprentice. Time accrued previous to registration will be approved and noted.
- B. Time required for an apprentice to be actively engaged in the trade under the supervision of a contracting master plumber will be a minimum of three years. Proof of qualifications will be submitted to the Board in writing for consideration and approval for the journeyman examination. Any academical time to be considered by the Board in place of actual apprenticeship time in the trade must be from a State accredited college or Technical school.
- C. Applicants must hold a journeyman license for a minimum of four years before taking the Master exam, and be actively engaged in the trade under the supervision of a contracting master plumber for the full four years. Proof of qualifications will be submitted to the Board in writing for consideration and approval for the master examination.
- D. The minimum age limit for a Journeyman examination will be Twenty (20) years of age unless approved by the Board.
- E. The allotted time for the Master and Journeyman examination will be four hours.
- F. Request for Master and Journeyman examination will be filed in the City of Grand Island Building Department Office prior to the examination date for the consideration of the Board. Examination fee will be paid with the application. No exam fee will be refunded after taking the examination.
- G. All applicants will submit, along with their request for examination, letters of proof of the required apprenticeship time actively engaged in the trade.


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- H. In the event that an applicant fails to pass the examination given, he may make application for a subsequent exam after eighty-five (85) days have passed.
- I. At the discretion of the Board, experience gained at an industrial plant or outside the Grand Island jurisdiction may be considered as apprenticeship time to qualify for a Journeyman examination. Information considered by the Board shall include written proof of previous experience record and oral examination.
- J. All examination papers are the property of the examining Board. Applicants will not be permitted to remain during grading or to review examination papers after they have been submitted for grading. Test results will be sent by mail.
- K. Applicant must obtain a passing score on the exam. A passing score for a Journeyman Plumber is 70% and for a Master Plumber is 80%.
- L. An applicant with a passing score will have a 30 day grace period to pick up a new license dated from the test date.
- M. An applicant must supply his own copy of this Code; the Grand Island Building Department will not supply copies to anyone during the test. Photocopies, reference books, or any other reference materials will not be allowed in the testing area during the test.
- N. For purposes of Chapter 26 an "employee" shall include employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, and independent contractors so long as the "employee" is under supervision of a registered contracting plumber and is covered by the registered contracting plumber's insurance obligations as set forth in 26-41.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect fifteen (15) days from and after its passage and publication pursuant to law.

Enacted: May21, 2024

  
Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jill Granere, City Clerk

