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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES,
BUILDING CODES DIVISION**

DIVISION 690

ADMINISTRATION AND DEFINITIONS

Part A -- General Matters

918-690-0300

Reasonable Notice to Interested Parties

Before the adoption, amendment or repeal of any rule relating to plumbing under ORS Chapters 447 or 693, the Building Codes Division shall give notice of the intended action:

- (1) In the Secretary of State's Bulletin referred to in ORS 183.360 at least 21 days prior to the effective date; and
- (2) By mailing a copy of the notice to persons on the interested parties mailing list established under ORS 183.335(7); and
- (3) The Capitol Press Room.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183.341

Stats. Implemented: ORS 183.341

Hist.: DC 2-1983, f. & ef. 1-3-83; Renumbered from 814-020-0000; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-690-0000

918-690-0310

Description of the Division Organization

(1) This rule is required by ORS 183.330.

(2)(a) General Office. The general office of the Building Codes Division is at 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon 97304 and the mailing address is Building Codes Division, P. O. Box 14470, Salem, Oregon 97309-0404. The general telephone number is 503-378-4133; FAX 503-378-2322. General requests for information or documents should be directed to this office.

(b) Plumbing Inspection. The plumbing inspection section of the Building Codes Division is managed by the Field Services Manager who reports to the Building Codes Division Administrator. The inspection staff is located in field locations throughout the state.

(A) Inspection requests should be directed to the closest field office; or

(B) General office.

(3) Plumbing Specialty Code Interpretation and Enforcement. **Plumbing Specialty Code** development, formal interpretations and enforcement are handled in the general office.

(a) Requests to place items on the Plumbing Board agenda and requests for adoption or amendment of plumbing rules should be directed to the Chief Plumbing Inspector at the general office.

(b) Requests for **Plumbing Specialty Code** interpretation shall be directed to the Chief Plumbing Inspector.

(4) Miscellaneous Fees. Requests and payment of fees for placement on the Plumbing Board meeting notice list or the plumbing rule making notice list should be directed to the Building Codes Division general office.

[Publications: The publication(s) referred to or incorporated by reference in this rule are available for review at the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183.330

Stats. Implemented: ORS 183.330

Hist.: BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98; BCD 22-2000, f. 9-19-00, cert. ef. 10-1-00

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Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, property, and public welfare, by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance, of all plumbing systems and plumbing fixtures in all buildings or structures within this state, medical gas and medical vacuum systems, solar heating and cooling systems and certain other plumbing systems and plumbing fixtures specifically regulated herein.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.010 & ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.010 & ORS 447.020

Hist.: DC 39, f. 1-6-75, ef. 2-1-75; Renumbered from 814-021-0102; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-750-0015; BCD 27-2000, f. 10-13-00 cert. ef. 10-01-01; BCD 13-2002, f. 6-28-02, cert. ef. 7-1-02

918-690-0325

Requirement to Display License

A person shall be prepared to show their plumbing license or limited specialty solar heating or cooling system installer license to a Building Codes Division or local jurisdiction inspector, investigator or other employee empowered to enforce the **Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code**, anytime they are on the job site performing any activity for which a plumbing license is required.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.060

Hist.: BCD 22-2000, f. 9-19-00, cert. ef. 10-1-00; BCD 3-2002, f. 3-5-02, cert. ef. 4-1-02; BCD 13-2002, f. 6-28-02, cert. ef. 7-1-02

Part B -- Hearings and Adjudicatory Procedures

918-690-0330

Attorney General Model Rules of Procedure

The Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure, as adopted or amended by the division in OAR 918-001-0010, apply in all contested cases.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183.341

Stats. Implemented: ORS 183.341

Hist.: BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98

918-690-0360

Plumbing Specialty Code Change Procedures

(1) ORS 455.030 governs procedures for proposing **Plumbing Specialty Code** changes.

(2) Time lines and other procedures for code changes are in OAR 918-008-0030.

[Publications: The publication(s) referred to or incorporated by reference in this rule are available for review at the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 455.030

Stats. Implemented: ORS 455.030

Hist.: BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98

Part C -- Board Activities

918-690-0400

Plumbing Board Agendas

(1) The Plumbing Board meeting agenda is prepared approximately three weeks before the scheduled meeting.

(2) The agenda has a section allowing public comment. No prior arrangements are necessary to make public comment, although time for comment may be restricted by the board chairman.

(3) Any person requesting to be placed on the agenda shall make the request at least 30 days before the scheduled meeting. The request shall include:

(a) The subject to be covered and result requested, if any;

(b) Amount of time requested; and

(c) Relevant documents and materials to be considered including, a written statement explaining the matter to be covered.

(4) The board may restrict presentation time on any agenda item. Persons appearing are encouraged to submit written statements.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 693.125

Stats. Implemented: ORS 693.125

Hist.: BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98

Part D -- Definitions

918-690-0410

Cross Reference to Statutes

Statutory plumbing definitions are generally in ORS 447.010 and 693.010. The following are among words defined by statute:

- (1) "Board" is defined in ORS 447.010;
- (2) "Building sewer" is defined in ORS 454.605;
- (3) "Journeyman Plumber" is defined in ORS 693.010;
- (4) "Limited Specialty Plumber" is defined by ORS 693.103;
- (5) "Plumbing" is defined in ORS 447.010.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.020

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.020

Hist.: BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98

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Definitions

Scope of definitions:

- (1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Building Codes Division.
- (2) "Alterations" means to change, to take away, or to add to.
- (3) "Apprenticeship Plumbing Experience" means experience equivalent to the training standards of the Oregon State Apprenticeship Program for the specific category of plumber.
- (4) "Commercial or Industrial Installation" means an installation of plumbing fixtures in a commercial or public building and in areas of an apartment building, hotel, motel, or similar residential structure, open and available for use by the public at large, or by employees.
- (5) "Division" means the Building Codes Division.
- (6) "Equivalent Experience" means legal work experience gained outside the State of Oregon equal to general journeyman plumbing experience or apprenticeship plumbing experience.
- (7) "Existing Work" is defined in the Plumbing Specialty Code.

(8) "General Journeyman Plumbing Experience" means experience equivalent to the standards required for completion of the Oregon State Apprenticeship Program.

(9) "Inspection" means careful investigation, critical examination, or official examination and review of the plumbing installation at the site of the installation.

(10) "Limited Specialty Plumber" means any person holding a valid limited specialty plumber's certificate of competency issued under ORS 693.103 and these rules.

(11) "Medical Gas" means any gas and vacuum system or equipment intended for medical and dental procedures in health care and non-health care facilities within the scope of the **Plumbing Specialty Code** as defined in OAR 918-750-0110.

(12) "Plumbing Specialty Code" means the **Oregon State Plumbing Specialty Code** as defined in OAR 918-750-0110.

(13) "Solar Heating and Cooling System" means any configuration of plumbing equipment and components to collect, convey, store and convert the sun's energy for the purpose of heating or cooling potable water.

(14) "Water Supply System" is defined in the **Plumbing Specialty Code**.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 447.010, 447.020, 455.110 & 693.103

Stats. Implemented: ORS 447.010, 447.020, 455.110 & 693.103

Hist.: DC 4, f. 8-13-71, ef. 9-11-71; DC 25-1978, f. 9-5-78, ef. 9-20-78; Renumbered from 814-021-0500; DC 2-1983, f. & ef. 1-3-83; Renumbered from 814-020-0006; BCA 18-1991, f. & cert. ef. 6-12-91; BCA 19-1993(Temp), 8-26-93, cert. ef. 9-1-93; BCA 26-1993, f. 10-22-93, cert. ef. 11-1-93; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-690-0005; BC-22-2000, f. 9-19-00, cert. ef. 10-1-00; BCD 13-2002, f. 6-28-02, cert. ef. 7-1-02; BCD 24-2004, f. 12-15-04, cert. ef. 4-1-05

Part E -- Proof of Insurance

918-690-0430

Filing of Proof of Insurance by Installers of Low-Flow Showerheads or Faucet Aerators

(1) A utility company, energy service provider or water supplier and its contractors installing low-flow showerhead or faucet aerators in existing plumbing fixtures covered by ORS 693.025 shall file proof of insurance with the division.

(2) The filing requires a certificate of insurance from an insurance company qualified to do business in Oregon, insuring the person making the filing, indicating effective dates

and evidencing public liability coverages of not less than \$25,000 bodily injury to one or more persons and not less than \$25,000 for property damage.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 693.025

Stats. Implemented: ORS 693.025

Hist.: BCA 20-1993(Temp), f. 9-24-93, cert. ef. 10-1-93; BCA 31-1993, f. 12-1-93, cert. ef. 12-3-93; BCD 6-1998, f. 3-2-98, cert. ef. 4-1-98, Renumbered from 918-690-0200

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