

Ordinance No. 2015-1

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PLUMBING WHEREEVER WATER ORIGINATING FROM THE WATER SYSTEMS AND SEWER SYSTEM: PROVIDING FOR PLUMBING INSPECTORS: PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE ARKANSAS STATE PLUMBING CODE: FIXING FEES FOR SUCH PLUMBING INSPECTION: PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE: REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PART OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, owns and operates in a governmental capacity, a Water System as a Municipal Utility: Such system having plants, pumps, and transmission lines within and without the corporate limits of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, and:

WHEREAS, certain municipalities, private companies, governmental agencies, firms and individuals not within the corporate limits of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, are purchasers of Water from the said Water System, and:

WHEREAS: the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, is very desirous of maintaining a pure Water System,

BI IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF, LOCKESBURG, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1: DEFINITIONS: Plumbing for the purpose of this ordinance is hereby defined as the definitions of Act 200 of 1951 of Arkansas and the Arkansas State Plumbing Code.

Section 2: STATE CODE: The provisions and regulations of the Arkansas State Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto, adopted by the State Board of Health of Arkansas are made a part of this ordinance by reference, three certified copies of which shall stay on file in the office of the City Clerk, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired within or without the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, Wherever water and/or sewage services originating from the Municipal Water and/or Sewer System is furnished.

Section 3: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION:

- (a) There is hereby created the position of plumbing inspector or inspectors who shall be employed by the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas.
- (b) The plumbing inspector or inspectors shall have experience in plumbing to the extent that enables him/her to know when plumbing is installed correctly.
- (c) The plumbing inspector or inspectors shall not be directly connected in anyway with any person, firm, corporation, directly or indirectly engaged in the business of plumbing, or plumbing suppliers.

- (d) The inspector shall receive as full compensation for his/her services, a salary designated by the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector to enforce all provisions of this Ordinance, and such inspector or inspectors are hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings within or without the corporate limits of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, when such buildings are connected, or to be connected to the Municipal Water and/or Sewage System.
- (f) The plumbing inspector shall prepare or cause to be prepared suitable forms for applications, permits, inspection reports and other such materials.
- (g) It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector to inspect and test all plumbing works for, compliance with this Ordinance and its adopted plumbing codes and to enforce changing of such installations that does not meet the requirements. It further shall be his/her duty to see that all persons installing or altering plumbing shall be qualified by State Law.

Section 4: APPLICATIONS: PERMITS:

- (a) Before beginning any work in the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, the person installing or altering same, shall apply to the plumbing inspector or other designated official and obtain a permit to do such work. Only those persons legally authorized to do plumbing may be issued permits. A permit may be issued to a home owner to install or alter plumbing a single family residence, providing the home owner does the work himself/herself and that such work shall meet the code requirements.
- (b) All applications for permits shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

Plumbing Rough-in Inspection -----	\$	<u>20.00</u>
Each Plumbing Fixture and/or Water And/or waste discharge device -----		
New or Reconstructed Sewer Connection -----		
Hot Water Heater, new or replaced -----		
Water Service Connection -----		
For Final Certificate of Inspector -----	\$	<u>20.00</u>

ANY ONE OR ALL OF THESE
ITEMS TOGETHER ARE
\$ 20.00 PER TRIP

An additional fee of \$ 20.00, shall be charged for each additional trip on the part of plumbing inspector, caused by the negligence of the plumber of not being ready for inspection or a return for inspection of a corrected installation.

Section 5: CROSS CONNECTION-BACK FLOW:

- (a) The City Water Department of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, and the city plumbing inspector of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, are hereby authorized to discontinue or cause to be discontinued all water services or services to any and all premises, lands, buildings, or structures where it is found that an immediate hazard exists to the purity or potability of the city water supply, by reason of requirements of the Arkansas State Plumbing Code and the City Plumbing Code and the regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health having not been complied with.
- (b) The City Water Department of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, and the city plumbing inspector of the City of Lockesburg, Arkansas, are hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as necessary to determine all potential hazards to the purity or potability of the City Water Supply which exists. Upon determining said potential hazards it shall be the duty of said department and said inspector to immediately cause notice to go to the owner or such other person responsible for said premises, specifying said hazards, and notifying said person that in the event that said hazard is not corrected within thirty (30) days from the date of said notice, all water services shall be discontinued thereafter until the requirements of the Arkansas State Plumbing Code, and the regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health have been complied with.

Section 6: PENALTIES:

Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$ 100.00) dollars, together with the cost of such prosecution. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

Section 7: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED:

- (a) All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- (b) This ordinance being for the regulation of plumbing and for the protection of the public their provisions hereof are declared to be separable, and the invalidity of any clause, sentence paragraph or section hereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

(c) This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required in the Arkansas Statutes.

Passed _____

Approved *Danny Ruth* _____, Mayor Danny Ruth

Attest *Becky Jegstrup* _____, Recorder/Treasurer
Becky Jegstrup

