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## CHAPTER E-9

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

#### A CODE FOR PLUMBING SERVICES REGULATIONS

Pursuant to clause 25(1)(f) of the *Environmental Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-9 Council made the following regulations:

**1.** (1) The National Plumbing Code of Canada 1995 Edition is hereby adopted as a regulation subject to the amendments, variations, additions and deletions set out in these regulations. Adoption of Code

(2) The Code applies to the design, construction, extension, alteration, renewal or repair of plumbing systems installed in the province. (EC666/86; 593/92; 86/01) Applicability

**2.** (1) In these regulations Definitions

(a) “Code” means the National Plumbing Code of Canada 1995 and amendments, variations, additions and deletions set out in these regulations; Code

(b) “enforcing authority” means the Department charged with the administration of these regulations; enforcing authority

(c) “permit” means a written approval by the enforcing authority for the construction, extension, alteration, renewal or repair of a plumbing system; permit

(d) “plumbing system” has the same meaning as applied in the Code. plumbing system

(2) The use and interpretation of the decimal numbering system of the Code is explained in the guide set out in the Schedule. (EC593/92; 639/93; 525/96; 86/01) Numbering system

**3.** The Code is amended by the addition of the following sections: Modifications

#### **1.10 PERMITS**

**1.10.1** (1) Except as provided for in sentence (2), no person shall, without first having obtained a permit, construct, extend, alter, renew or repair a plumbing system or connect a system to a building sewer. Permit

(2) A permit is not required when a valve, faucet, fixture or service water heater is repaired or replaced, a stoppage cleared or a leak repaired if no change to the piping is required. Exception

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| Application to authority           | (3) An application for a permit shall be made to the enforcing authority enforcing the Code.   |
| Form                               | <b>1.10.2.</b> (1) The application for a permit shall be made on such form as may be provided by the enforcing authority.  |
| Fees                               | (2) Every application for a permit shall be accompanied by the fees set out in Appendix B to this Code.  |
| Qualifications                     | (3) A permit shall be issued only to those persons who are holders of a valid journeyman's qualification in plumbing or a work permit issued in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act</i> R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. A-15.   |
| Exception                          | (4) Notwithstanding sentence (3), the enforcing authority may issue a permit to any individual in the business of installing water pumps, water softeners or beverage dispensing units for the installation of such fixtures or equipment when it is satisfied that the individual is proficient in his ability to carry out the installation in conformance with the minimum requirements of this Code. |
| <b>1.11 INSPECTION AND TESTING</b> |  |
| Inspection                         | <b>1.11.1.</b> (1) Where a permit is required as described in section 1.10, the owner shall not put the system into use or cause it to put into use until it has been inspected and tested to the satisfaction of the enforcing authority.   |
| Not covered until inspection       | (2) The plumbing contractor shall notify the enforcing authority when the work is complete and ready to be inspected and tested and shall not cause the work to be covered without the approval of the enforcing authority.  |
| Materials, etc. for inspection     | (3) The plumbing contractor shall furnish any equipment, material, power or labour that is necessary for inspection or testing.  |
| Uncover for inspection             | (4) If any part of a plumbing system is covered before it has been inspected and approved, the owner shall ensure that it is uncovered for inspection and testing if the enforcing authority so directs.   |
| Changes to comply with Code        | (5) If any part of a plumbing system is not approved after it has been inspected or tested, the owner shall ensure that any changes or alterations as may be required by the enforcing authority are carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Code and are made subject to further inspection and testing before the work is covered.  |

**1.11.2.** (1) The enforcing authority may inspect any existing plumbing system and, where there is reason to suspect that the system is not satisfactory, order it to be tested. Existing plumbing system

(2) If any part of the system has become or is in a condition that it may become dangerous or injurious to health, the owner shall ensure compliance with any written order by the enforcing authority ordering alteration or replacement of the system or any part thereof. Compliance with written order

**1.11.3.** The granting of a permit, the approval of a plan or specification or an inspection or test that is made by the enforcing authority does not in any way relieve any person who carries out work on a plumbing system of full responsibility for carrying out such work in complete compliance with the Code. Compliance with Code prevails

**1.11.4.** Inspections carried out in the administration of this Code shall be subject to the fees set out in Appendix B to this Code. Fees

## **1.12 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

**1.12.1.** (1) When a plumbing system has been completed and has been approved, the plumbing contractor shall issue to the owner a certificate of compliance certifying that the work has been carried out in compliance with this Code. Certificate of compliance

(2) The certificate of compliance required by sentence (1) shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the enforcing authority. (EC666/86; 593/92; 639/93; 525/96). Form

**4.** Revoked by EC86/01. *Idem*

**5.** The Code is amended in subsection 4.9 (SIZE OF DRAINAGE PIPE) by the addition of the following sentence: Minimum diameter

**4.9.2** (4) The minimum diameter of drainage pipe to be used underground shall be 2". (EC666/86; 593/92; 525/96)

**6.** The Code is amended in subsection 5.5 (MISCELLANEOUS VENT PIPES) by the addition of the following article: Extra vent

**5.5.6** An extra vent of 2" in diameter shall be carried to the basement and capped as required by article 5.5.5. (EC666/86; 593/92; 525/96; 86/01)

**7.** The Code is amended in subsection 5.6 (ARRANGEMENT OF VENT PIPES) by deleting sentence 5.6.5(5) and substituting the following therefor: Vent through roof

**5.6.5** (5) Where a vent pipe passes through a roof it shall be protected from frost closure:

- (a) by keeping its height to a minimum of 12” above the roof;
- (b) by being increased in diameter to a minimum of 3” immediately before penetrating the roof or;
- (c) by being insulated. (EC666/86; 593/92; 525/96)

Main vent or soil stack

**8.** The Code is amended in subsection 5.7 (MINIMUM SIZE OF VENT PIPES) by the addition of the following article:

**5.7.8** In addition to article 5.7.1 every building in which a plumbing system is installed shall have at least one main vent stack or soil stack including a stack vent not less than 3” in diameter. (EC666/86; 593/92; 525/96; 86/01)

Backflow preventers

**8.1** The Code is amended in article 6.2.12 by the deletion of sentence 2 and the substitution of the following:

(2) Backflow preventers shall be selected, installed, and field tested as required by the regulatory authority.

Backflow preventers

Refer to CSA B64.10

(3) When setting the requirements for the selection, installation, and field testing of backflow preventers pursuant to subsection (2), the regulatory authority may have reference to, but is not bound by, the provisions of CSA B64.10, “Backflow Prevention Devices - Selection, Installation, Maintenance and Field Testing”. (EC86/01)

Compliance

**9.** (1) In connection with any plumbing installation, any plumbing contractor, plumber, or individual installing such installation in a building and for which he may or may not receive any remuneration or consideration, shall comply with these regulations and the provisions of the Code as adopted herein, and failure to comply shall render him liable to the penalties provided by subsection (2).

Penalties

(2) Every natural person or corporation who commits a breach of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalty set out in section 32 of the Act.

Continuing default

(3) Where any natural person or corporation has been convicted of an offence under the provision of these regulations, and the offence is in the nature of an omission, or neglect, or failure to comply with any order, and if an authorized representative of the enforcing authority gives reasonable notice to that person or corporation to make good the omission, or neglect, or failure to comply and default is made in respect thereof, the person or corporation convicted is liable to a further fine of \$25 for each day in default after notice and until the notice has been complied with. (EC525/96)

**SCHEDULE****A Guide for use of the Decimal Numbering  
System of the Code**

The Canadian Plumbing Code is drafted in such a way that it may be adopted or enacted for legal use by any jurisdictional authority in Canada. It is divided into seven sections, each section being self-sufficient with a minimum number of cross references. A decimal numbering system has been used throughout the Code. The first number indicates the section of the Code, the second the subsection in the section, the third the article and the fourth the sentence in the article. A sentence (indicated by numbers in brackets) may be further divided into clauses and subclauses. They are illustrated as follows:

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| 4.             | section    |
| 4.6            | subsection |
| 4.6.5          | article    |
| 4.6.5(1)       | sentence   |
| 4.6.5(1)(c)    | clause     |
| 4.6.5(1)(c)(i) | subclause  |

**APPENDIX B**

Fees

- 1. (1) The following fees are prescribed:
  - (a) on application for a permit
    - (i) except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii).....\$10 per fixture  
(\$20 minimum)
    - (ii) for a prefabricated home on a foundation ..... \$50  
plus \$10 per fixture added on site,  
plus \$10 per connection to a  
municipal water or sewage system
    - (iii) for an extension or alteration to an existing plumbing system  
that does not involve the addition of a fixture ..... \$30
  - (b) on application for a permit to make alterations to an existing  
plumbing system or part thereof
    - (i) that is or has been in use and for which no previous permit has  
been granted ..... \$85 per hour  
plus travel expenses,
    - (ii) where, at the request of an applicant, an inspection is  
conducted outside an inspector’s normal working hours  
..... \$125 per hour  
(\$250 minimum) plus travel expenses,
    - (iii) that has been constructed or altered in compliance with a  
directive or an order issued pursuant to these regulations .....  
..... NO CHARGE
    - (iv) that has been constructed or altered in default of a  
directive or an order issued pursuant to these regulations ..... \$200
  - (c) for an inspection conducted at the request of an applicant ..... \$85
  - (d) on application for a plumbing contractor’s license..... \$125  
(for each 12-month period)

Travel expenses

(2) For the purposes of clause (1)(b), the rate of travel expenses payable is based on the rates in effect pursuant to the collective agreement between the province and the P.E.I. Union of Public Sector Employees for reimbursement for the use of private motor vehicles on government business. (EC525/96; 731/04)