

On motion of Councilman
Councilman *Wilkeron*

Bell

and seconded by
the following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PLUMBING; PROVIDING FOR PLUMBING INSPECTOR; FIXING QUALIFICATIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL PLUMBING CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of De Leon, Texas, 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 De Leon, Texas and;

WHEREAS, certain municipalities, private companies, governmental agencies, firms and individuals not within the corporate limits of the City of De Leon, Texas, are purchasers of water from the said Water System, and;

WHEREAS, the City of De Leon, Texas, is very desirous of maintaining a pure Water Supply.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE Mayor & Council OF THE CITY OF De Leon, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. PLUMBING CODE: The Provisions and regulations of the National Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto, are made a part of this ordinance by reference, three certified copies of which shall be 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 De Leon, Texas. Wherever water and/or sewage service originating from the Municipal Water and/or Sewer System is furnished.

Section 2. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION:

(a) There is hereby created the position of plumbing inspector or inspectors who shall be employed by the City of De Leon, Texas.

(b) The plumbing inspector shall have experience in plumbing to the extent that enables him to know when plumbing is installed correctly.

(c) The plumbing inspector shall not be directly connected in any way 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 services a salary designated by the City of De Leon, Texas.

(e) It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector or inspectors to enforce all provisions of this Ordinance, and such inspector or inspectors is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings within or without the corporate limits of the City of De Leon, Texas, 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 work for compliance with this Ordinance and its adopted plumbing code, and to enforce changing of such installations that does not meet the requirements. It further shall be his duty to see that all persons installing or altering plumbing shall be qualified by State Law.

Section 3. APPLICATIONS, PERMITS:

(a) Before beginning any work in the City of De Leon, Texas, 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 in a single family residence, providing the home owner does the work himself and that the building is owned and occupied by the owner as his home. All such work shall meet the code requirements.

(b) All applications for permits shall be made on suitable forms provided. The application shall be accompanied by fees in the amount of \$2.00 per inspection. Said fee shall entitle applicant to no more than two (2) inspections.

An additional fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for each additional trip on the part of the 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 4. BOND:

(a) Every master plumber doing business in the City of DE Leon, Texas, shall execute and deliver to the City a bond with a surety bonding company in the sum of \$1,000 to indemnify the City or any citizen for any damage caused by the failure of such master plumber to comply strictly with the provisions of this ordinance. No plumbing permit shall be issued to any master plumber unless this bond has been delivered to the City and is in full force and effect.

Section 5. STREET OPENINGS:

(a) All openings made in the public streets or alleys to install plumbing must be made as carefully as possible and all materials excavated from the trenches shall be removed or placed where the least inconvenience to the public will be caused.

(b) All openings must be replaced in precisely the same condition as before the excavation started and all rubbish and materials must be removed at once, leaving the street or sidewalks clean and in perfect repair.

(c) All openings shall be marked with sufficient barriers. Flares or red lamps shall be maintained around the opening at night and all other precautions shall be taken by the plumber or excavator to protect the public from damage to person or property.

Section 6. CROSS CONNECTIONS - BACK FLOW:

(a) The City Water Department of the City of De Leon, Texas, and the City Plumbing Inspector of the City of De Leon, Texas, be and they hereby are authorized to discontinue or cause to be discontinued, all water service 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.

(b) The City Water Department of the City of De Leon, Texas, and the City Plumbing Inspector of the City of De Leon, Texas, be and they 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 exist. 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 this Code have been complied with.

Section 7. 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 costs of such prosecution. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

Section 8. 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.

The roll call for the adoption of the foregoing ordinance resulted as follows:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

Absent: Walter Nabara

Signed: [Signature]
Mayor

Date Passed: Jan. 9, 1968

Attest: [Signature]
City Secretary

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