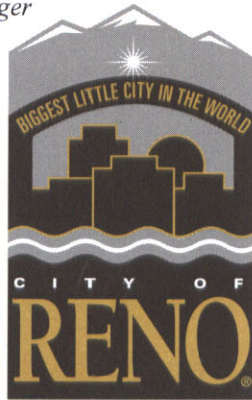


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August 26, 2015

Re: ***Notice of Public Hearing and request for comments on Amendments to Reno Municipal Code, Chapter 14.04 regarding Apprentice and Journeyman Certificate requirements***

To Whom it May Concern:

The Reno City Council will be considering the adoption of new requirements for Plumbing and Electrical Apprentice and Journeyman Certificates.

In compliance with NRS 237.080, local governments are to notify trade associations or owners and officers of businesses that are likely to be affected by the adoption of the proposed rule, that you may submit data or arguments to the governing body, or its designee, if you believe the adoption of the referenced rule will either: (a) impose a direct and significant economic burden upon business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business. Any data or arguments must be received no later than **September 18, 2015**.

The proposed rule pertains to the adoption of amendments to Reno Municipal Code Title 14; Chapter 14.04 entitled "Building and Housing Code." by adding new Sections 14.04.120.007, 14.04.120.010 and 14.04.120.020 to RMC 14.04.120, entitled "Uniform Plumbing Code," and amending Sections 14.04.125.005 and 14.04.125.010 and adding an additional Section 14.04.125.020 to RMC 14.04.125 entitled "National Electric Code." The proposed rule includes Apprentice and Journeyman certification requirements for all persons engaged in Electrical and Plumbing work conducted within the city limits that require permits issued by the City of Reno.

The Reno City Council will be hearing and considering these amendments at their regularly scheduled meetings on **October 7, 2015** and **October 21, 2015**. City Council meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Reno City Council Chambers located at 1 East 1st Street, Reno, NV 89501. The agendas for the meetings will be posted at City Hall and on the City website by going to the www.reno.gov on the Friday before each meeting.

If you have questions or comments please contact Dan Holly, Building and Safety Manager for the City of Reno, at (775) 334-3805 or fax (775) 334-2043. You can also email and/or call Reno Direct with any input or questions at (775) 334-4636 or renodirect@reno.gov. A copy of the proposed ordinance is included and is also available online at www.reno.gov/communitydevelopment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Holly", is written over a horizontal line.

Dan Holly, C.B.O., Building and Safety Manager
Community Development Department

EXPLANATION: Matter underlined is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RENO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION," CHAPTER 14.04 "BUILDING AND HOUSING CODES," SECTION 14.04.120 "UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE," TO REQUIRE APPRENTICE AND JOURNEYMAN PLUMBING CERTIFICATES; AND SECTION 14.04.125 "NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE," TO AMEND ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

SPONSORED BY: RENO CITY COUNCIL

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14.04 of the Reno Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding certain wording to Section 14.04.120, the same to read as follows:

Sec. 14.04.120.007. – Certificates required under the Uniform Plumbing Code.

- (a) No person, company or corporation shall do, cause or permit to be done any installations, alterations or additions of a plumbing system, any of which would require a permit issued by the department, unless such person, company or corporation possesses a valid certificate as required by the provisions of this article.
- (b) Required certifications shall be made available upon the request of any City Official.
- (c) Violations of this article shall be addressed as indicated in Sections 114 and 115 of the 2012 International Building Code for Commercial projects and Sections 113 and 114 of the International Residential for residential projects.
- (d) All certifications issued under the provisions of this article shall be renewed in accordance with the requirements of the issuing body.

Sec. 14.04.120.010. – Apprentice Plumbing Certificate.

- (a) No person shall engage in the trade of apprentice plumber who does not hold a valid Apprentice Plumbing Certificate issued by a State of Nevada recognized apprenticeship program.
- (b) All apprentice plumbers shall be certified by and actively enrolled in a state approved plumbing apprentice program governed by the provisions of NRS Chapter 610.

- (c) An apprentice plumber shall be an employee of a licensed plumbing contractor, and shall be under the direct supervision of a certified journeyman plumber under like employment.

Sec. 14.04.120.020. – Journeyman Plumber Certificate.

- (a) No person shall engage in the trade of journeyman plumber who does not hold a valid Journeyman Plumber Certificate issued by the Nevada State Board of Plumbing Examiners. All such journeymen shall be employed by and under the supervision of a State of Nevada Licensed Plumbing Contractor.
- (b) An applicant for a Journeyman Plumbing Certificate shall show proof of experience as required by the State Board of Plumbing Examiners and pay all required fees.
- (c) All testing, issuance of certificates, and renewals are processed by the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.
- (d) All reciprocal licenses require verification of experience.

SECTION 2. Chapter 14.04 of the Reno Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding certain wording to and deleting certain wording from Section 14.04.125, the same to read as follows:

Sec. 14.04.125.005. – Certificates required under the National Electric Code.

- (a) No person, company or corporation shall do, cause or permit to be done any installations, alterations or additions of electrical wiring or equipment, any of which would require a permit issued by the department, unless such person, company or corporation possesses a valid [city]-certificate as required by the provisions of this article.
- (b) ~~Violations of this article shall [constitute cause for the issuance of a stop work order, and those in violation are subject to penalties as provided for in section 14.06.020 of this chapter.]~~ be addressed as indicated in Sections 114 and 115 of the 2012 International Building Code for Commercial projects and Sections 113 and 114 of the International Residential for residential projects.
- (c) All certifications issued under the provisions of this article shall be ~~[for the calendar year of issue. A 30-day grace period shall be permitted for renewal, and certificates not so renewed shall become void.]~~ renewed in accordance with the requirements of the issuing body.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:
- (1) Installations and connections of branch circuits by state licensed [sign], heating or air-conditioning contractors to their respective equipment, provided that such branch circuits do not exceed ten feet in length and comply with all other provisions of this chapter.

- (2) Installations of non-power or power-limited wiring within any residential dwelling unit where such installations are independent of other dwelling units and do not exceed 50 volts.

Sec. 14.04.125.010. – Apprentice Electrical Certificate.

- (a) No person shall engage in the trade of apprentice electrician who does not hold a valid apprentice electrical certificate issued by ~~[the department]~~ a State of Nevada recognized apprenticeship program.
- (b) Required certifications shall be made available upon the request of any City Official.
- (c)[b]) ~~[An applicant for an apprentice electrical certificate shall show proof of participation in a state approved electrical apprentice program governed by the provisions of NRS chapter 610 and pay the prescribed fee.]~~ All apprentice electricians shall be certified by and actively enrolled in a state approved electrical apprentice program governed by the provisions of NRS Chapter 610.
- (d)[e]) An apprentice electrician shall be an employee of a ~~[certified]~~ licensed electrical contractor, and shall be under the direct supervision of ~~[such employer or]~~ a certified journeyman electrician under like employment.

(Ord. No 3539, 8-24-87; Ord. No. 6297, § 1, 6-5-13)

Sec. 14.04.125.020. – Journeyman Electrician Certificate.

- (a) No person shall engage in the trade of journeyman electrician who does not hold a valid Journeyman Electrician Certificate issued by the International Code Council. All such journeymen shall be employed by and under the supervision of a State of Nevada Licensed Electrical Contractor.
- (b) An applicant for an Electrical Journeyman Certificate shall show proof of experience as required on the City of Reno application form and pay all required fees.
- (c) All testing, issuance of certificates, and renewals are processed by the International Code Council.
- (d) All reciprocal licenses require verification of experience.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage, adoption and publication in one issue of a newspaper printed and published in the City of Reno.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council of the City of Reno is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published in one issue of the Reno-Gazette Journal, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Reno.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, ____, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RENO

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO, NEVADA

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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