



Employee Name			
Position Title	Building Inspector – Plumbing	Department	Community Risk Management
FLSA	Non-Exempt	Reports To	Chief Building Inspector
Pay Grade	10	Unit	Non-represented

Purpose of Position

The purpose of this position is to provide professional plumbing construction review of plans, inspection for compliance with municipal, state and national plumbing codes, issue permits for plumbing work and property maintenance inspection services to community stakeholders. The work is performed under the director of the Chief Building Inspector.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

The following duties are normal for this position. The duties and responsibilities are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and/or assigned.

- Schedules, conducts, and documents inspections for plumbing installations.
- Reviews plans for compliance with local, state, and national plumbing codes to ensure projects are done in the most code compliant and efficient manner.
- Reviews, approves, and issues industrial, commercial, and residential permits for plumbing work in new construction, remodeling and alteration projects.
- Issues maintenance orders, records compliance, and daily activities on a computer software that tracks permits, service requests, and complaints.
- Inspects restaurants, taverns, and rooming houses for code compliance prior to licensing.
- Interprets codes and advises plumbing contractors regarding proper installation.
- Conducts and attends meetings with contractors, property owners, designers, and others to discuss proposed or on-going plumbing installation/alteration requirements.
- Investigates suspected plumbing code violations referred by the public and others; issues verbal or documented orders to correct conditions of premises for non-compliant installations; issues code violation citations; re-inspects corrections.
- Assists City Attorney in prosecuting code violations.
- Assists other Building Inspectors regarding plumbing determinations.
- Assists other Building Inspectors during condemnation proceedings according to applicable statutes.
- Inspects, measures, and records sewer connections, provides detailed installation materials and measurements to the Utilities office for updating the city sewer mapping system.

- Inspects, measure and record sewer connections in Shelby Districts 1 and 2 and Town and Campbell; Provides detailed installation materials and measurements to the utilities office for updating the city’s sewer mapping system.
- Prepare all financial and statistical reports for plumbing and excavation permits and inspections.
- Assists the utilities office in the development of policies and procedures.
- Maintains regular and predictable on-site attendance.
- Maintains knowledge of inspection techniques, applicable codes/standards, enforcement techniques and other inspectors’ duties and responsibilities.
- Attends trainings and maintains continuing education credits as required for credentials.

Additional Duties & Responsibilities

While the following tasks are necessary for the work of the department, they are not an essential part of the purpose of this position and may also be performed by other department staff.

- Advises City staff regarding City building projects and City Hall maintenance staff regarding building repairs.
- Advises the Housing Rehabilitation Department regarding projects.
- Assists the public in-person via email and over the phone.
- Answers phone calls and relays messages; operates a mobile phone and/or radio.
- Faxes/emails information, photocopies materials and uses the internet to check information.
- Takes digital photos and uploads photos to computer network.
- Provides inspection/enforcement information.
- Discusses issues with the Mayor and/or Councilmembers.

Minimum Training & Experience Requirements

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- State of Wisconsin Journeyman Plumber Certification and at least seven (7) years of skilled plumbing experience, or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities.
 - Valid motor vehicle operator’s license required.
 - The following valid State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Inspector Certification(s) are required within six (6) months of hire:
 - Commercial & UDC Plumbing Inspector Certification

Physical & Mental Requirements

Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication

- Ability to analyze and categorize data and information in order to determine the relationship of the data with reference to established criteria/standards.

- Ability to compare, count, differentiate, measure, assemble, copy and record the transcribed data and information.
- Ability to classify, compute, and tabulate data.
- Ability to persuade, convince, and/or train others, including the ability to act in a lead worker capacity.
- Ability to advise and interpret how to apply policies, procedures, and standards to specific situations.
- Ability to utilize a variety of advisory data and information such as plumbing codes, permit applications, building plans, maps, engineering plans, plumber credentials, inspection certificates, inspection reports, violation citations, milage reports, building codes, technical operating manuals, statutes, procedures, guidelines, and non-routine correspondence.
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing with plumbers, contractors, property owners, business representatives, real estate brokers, attorneys, planning department personnel, engineers, other inspectors, skilled building trades person, Department of Safety and Professional Services personnel, Fire Department personnel and the public.

Mathematical Ability

- Ability to calculate percentages, fractions, decimals, volumes, ratios, present values, and spatial relationships.
- Ability to interpret basic descriptive statistical reports.

Judgement and Situational Reasoning Ability

- Ability to apply functional reasoning to synthesizing information and functions, and ability to influence others in activities such as leading, controlling and supervising.
- Ability to exercise the judgement, decisiveness and creativity required in situations involving the evaluation of information against sensory and/or judgmental criteria, as opposed to criteria that are clearly measurable.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to operate, maneuver and/or steer equipment and machinery requiring simple but continuous adjustments, such as motor vehicle, tape measure, level, architects/engineers scale, computer terminal, telephone, calculator and photocopier.
- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing movements requiring moderate skill, such as measuring.
- Ability to exert moderate but not constant physical effort, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, lifting, carrying, pushing, and pulling.
- Ability to recognize and identify similarities or difference between characteristics of colors, shapes, sounds and textures associated with job-related objects, materials, and tasks.

Environmental Adaptability

- Ability to work under often unsafe and uncomfortable conditions where exposure to environmental factors such as temperature variations, odors, toxic agents, irate individuals, intimidation, wetness, machinery, electrical currents, traffic hazards, disease and/or dust can cause discomfort and where there is a risk of injury.

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