

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS REPEALING THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE (2015 EDITION) AND ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE (2021 EDITION) WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000). PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE (WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR PENDING PROSECUTIONS); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted the International Plumbing Code 2015 edition with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the city to update the city's Plumbing Code by adopting the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code, with local North Central Texas Council of Government amendments and city amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Sections 6.04.201 and 6.04.201, of the Code of Ordinances be hereby repealed in their entirety (subject to pending prosecutions as noted in Section 2, *infra*) and replaced in their entirety with the International Plumbing Code 2021 Edition, as amended, with local amendments which shall read as follows:

§ 6.04.201 Adoption.

There is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code for the City for the purpose of regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing system. The International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition, including appendix, as published by the International Code Council, subject to the exceptions, amendments and interpretations described in this article, and the same are incorporated by reference herein as if fully copied. One copy of each such code, together with the exceptions and amendments thereto, shall be kept at all times in the office of the City Secretary.

§ 6.04.202 Exceptions and amendments.

The plumbing code adopted in this article shall be subject to the exceptions and amendments to the International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition, as follows:

The following sections, paragraphs, and sentences of the 2021 International Plumbing Code are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the IPC. Underlined type is text inserted. Lined through type is deleted text from the IPC. A triple asterisk identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2021 edition of the code.

***Table of Contents, Chapter 7, Section 713; change to read as follows:

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****Section 101.1 Title; change to read as follows:**

These regulations shall be known as the **Plumbing Code of Lancaster, Texas** hereinafter referred to as "this code."

*****Section 102.8; change to read as follows:**

102.8 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 15 and such codes, when specifically adopted, and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where the differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall be the minimum requirements. Whenever amendments have been adopted to the referenced codes and standards, each reference to said code and standard shall be considered to reference the adopted amendments. Any reference to NFPA 70 shall mean the National Electrical Code as adopted.

****Section 103.1 Creation of agency., is amended as follows:**

103.1 Creation of agency.

The Building Inspections Department is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *code official*. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

*****Section 305; change to read as follows:**

305.1 Protection against contact. Metallic piping, except for cast iron, ductile iron and galvanized steel, shall not be placed in direct contact with steel framing members, concrete or cinder walls and floors or other masonry. Metallic piping shall not be placed in direct contact with corrosive soil. Where sheathing is used to prevent direct contact, the sheathing shall have a thickness of not less than 0.008 inch (8 mil) (0.203 mm) and the sheathing shall be made of approved material plastic. Where sheathing protects piping that penetrates concrete or masonry walls or floors, the sheathing shall be installed in a manner that allows movement of the piping within the sheathing.

****Section 305.4.1; changed to read as follows:**

305.4.1 Sewer depth. ~~Building sewers that connect to private sewage disposal systems shall be a minimum of [number] inches (mm) below finished grade at the point of septic tank connection.~~ Building sewers shall be a minimum of 12 inches (304 mm) below grade.

*****Section 306.2.4; added to read as follows:**

*****306.2.4 Plastic sewer and DWV piping installation.** Plastic sewer and DWV piping installed underground shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Trench width shall be controlled to not exceed the outside the pipe diameter plus 16 inches or in a trench which has a controlled width equal to the nominal diameter of the diameter of the piping multiplied by 1.25 plus 12 inches. The piping shall be bedded in 4 inches of granular fill and then backfilled compacting the side fill in 6-inch layers on each side of the piping. The compaction shall be to minimum of 85 percent standard proctor density and extend to a minimum of 6 inches above the top of the pipe.

****Section 413.4; change to read as follows:**

413.4 Required location for floor drains ~~Public laundries and central washing facilities.~~ Floor drains shall be installed in the following areas:

1. In public laundries and in the central washing facilities of multiple family dwellings, the rooms containing automatic clothes washers shall be provided with floor drains located to readily drain the entire floor area. Such drains shall have a minimum outlet of not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter.
2. Commercial kitchens. In lieu of floor drains in commercial kitchens, the Code Official may accept floor sinks.
3. Public restrooms.

****Section 608.17.5; change to read as follows:**

608.17.5 Connections to lawn irrigation systems.

The potable water supply to lawn irrigation systems shall be protected against backflow by an atmospheric-type vacuum breaker, a pressure-type vacuum breaker, a double-check assembly or a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer. A valve shall not be installed downstream from an atmospheric vacuum breaker. Where chemicals are introduced into the system, the potable water supply shall be protected against backflow by a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer.

Section 703.6; Delete

****Section 704.5; added to read as follows:**

704.5 Single stack fittings. Single stack fittings with internal baffle, PVC schedule 40 or cast-iron single stack shall be designed by a registered engineer and comply to a national recognized standard.

*****Section 712.4.3; add Section 712.4.3 to read as follows:**

712.4.3 Dual Pump System. All sumps shall be automatically discharged and, when in any "public use" occupancy where the sump serves more than 10 fixture units, shall be provided with dual pumps or ejectors arranged to function independently in case of overload or mechanical failure. For storm drainage sumps and pumping systems, see Section 1113.

****Section 713, 713.1; change to read as follows:**

**SECTION 713
ENGINEERED COMPUTERIZED DRAINAGE DESIGN**

713.1 Design of drainage system. The sizing, design and layout of the drainage system shall be permitted ~~to be~~ designed by a registered engineer using approved computer design methods.

*****Section 903.1.1; change to read as follows:**

~~903.1 Roof extension 903.1.1 Roof extension unprotected.~~ Open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall terminate not less than six (6) inches (152 mm) above the roof. ~~Where a roof is to be used for assembly or as a promenade, observation deck, sunbathing deck or similar purposes, open vent pipes shall terminate not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) above the roof.~~

~~Section 1109; delete this section.~~

~~Section 1202.1; delete Exceptions 1 and 2.~~

SECTION 2. Except as expressly amended herein; Chapter 6, Section 4, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances of Lancaster, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance. The repeal of the International Plumbing Code (2015 ed.) shall not affect any prosecution of any citation or violation open as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. If any article, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance or the Code of Ordinances be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional for any reason, such judgment or holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, or of the Code of Ordinances, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Texas, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the municipal court of the City of Lancaster, Texas, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars for each offense, and each and every day such offense shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately the date of passage and is provided by law.

DULY PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, on this the 24th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David T. Ritter, City Attorney