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ORDINANCE NO. 1134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 40, KNOWN AS "THE NATURAL GAS PLUMBING CODE" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, 1957, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 40-6, PARAGRAPH (C), FITTINGS, THEREOF TO REQUIRE USE OF GROUND JOINT UNIONS OF CERTAIN TYPES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7, PARAGRAPH (C), YARD LIGHTS, THEREOF TO REQUIRE USE OF NYLON FITTINGS AS ELECTRICAL INSULATORS IN CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-9, PARAGRAPH (C), APPLIANCE CONNECTORS, THEREOF TO REQUIRE THAT ALL APPLIANCES SHALL BE SERVED WITH PIPE OF THE SAME SIZE AS THE APPLIANCE OPENING WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Section 1: That paragraph (c) of Section 40-6 of Chapter 40, known as "The

Natural Gas Plumbing Code", of The Code of The City of Abilene, Texas, 1957,

as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to hereafter read as

follows:

"(c) Fittings. Fittings must be malleable screw type, welding, or flare type and must be of the type made for the joint system used. All unions used in gas work must be what is known to the trade as ground joint unions with brass seats or flanged pattern. "

Section 2: That paragraph (c) of Section 40-7 of Chapter 40, known as "The

Natural Gas Plumbing Code" of The Code of The City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, as

amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"(c) Yard Lights. 3/8" OD Soft Temper Copper Tubing with a minimum wall thickness of .049" may be used for branch lines to gas lights only.

No copper branch lines, however, shall be installed in or under a building. If connection is to be made to the interior house piping, 1/2" standard black steel pipe shall be extended above ground to the outside of the building and down to a point not less than 6" below the surface of the ground; unless there is a flower bed at this location, in which case the 1/2" steel pipe shall be extended 1' beyond the outer edge of the flower bed.

All copper branch lines shall be electrically insulated by means of a nylon fitting from the steel supply pipe to which they are connected. Only approved flared type brass fittings shall be used with copper tubing.

Copper branch lines shall be installed at a depth of not less than 10" below the surface of the ground.

If more than one gas light is to be served from a branch line, see administrative authority for pipe or tubing size to be installed. "

Section 3: That paragraph (c) of Section 40-9 of Chapter 40, known as

"The Natural Gas Plumbing Code" of the Code of The City of Abilene, Texas, 1957, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"(c) Appliance Connectors. Gas appliances burning not more than 100,000 B. T. U. per hour may be connected with semi-rigid seamless metal tubing connectors meeting the following requirements:

"1. The method of attaching such connectors to the gas piping shall be made with flare type fittings as hereinbefore specified, and appliance shall not depend upon separate ferrules, washer, gaskets, or other detachable parts for gas tightness, nor shall such separate parts be used to establish and maintain the method of seal provided within the connector and fittings.

"2. All appliances shall be served with pipe of the same size as the appliance opening with the following exceptions:

"A. Wall furnaces may be served with a minimum of 3/8" O. D. tubing.

"B. Water heaters up to and including 40 gallon capacity may be served with a minimum of 3/8" O. D. tubing.

"C. Built-in ovens and surface units up to and including four burners may be served with a minimum of 1/2" O. D. Tubing.

"D. Central heating furnaces may be served with a minimum of 5/8" O. D. tubing up to and including sizes furnished with 3/4" openings.

"3. The capacity shall be that required by the appliance.

"4. The over-all length of such connectors shall not exceed three (3) feet, except built-in gas ranges and ovens which shall not exceed six (6) feet.

"5. No part of such connectors shall be concealed within or run through any wall, floor or partition. The gas stop shall be on the opposite end of the connector from the appliance to be served.

"6. All appliances having 1" connection or larger shall be connected with steel pipe using ground joint union with brass seat.

"7. A separate gas stop valve shall be installed in all gas lines within three (3) feet of the appliance. The valve shall be of the same size as the pipe in which it is installed.

"8. All electrical connections and wiring shall be made in accordance with the electrical code of the City of Abilene. This shall not apply to enclosed wiring which is an integral part of any approved electrically controlled device. Gas Piping shall not be used for an electrical ground or in lieu of wiring."

Section 4: That any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Each day a violation of any provision of this ordinance is continued shall constitute a separate offense.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 19th day of October, A. D. 1961.

The Board of Commissioners hereby finds that an emergency exists requiring suspension of the rule provided in Section 32 of the City Charter, requiring ordinances to be read and passed at two separate meetings of the Board of Commissioners and said rule is hereby suspended and said ordinance is passed twice at one and the same meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 19th day of October, A. D. 1961.

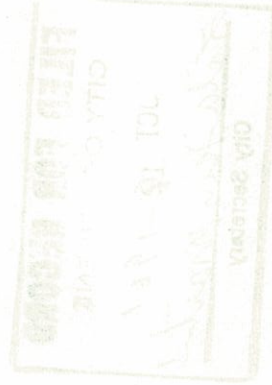
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