ORDINANCE	NO.	31 - 1993	

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE IV, "LICENSES AND REGISTRATION", DIVISION I., "GENERALLY", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

- PART 1. That Chapter 8, Article IV, "Licenses and Registration", Division 1., "Generally", of the Abilene Municipal Code be amended as set out in Exhibit "A".
- PART 2. That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said Ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 22 day of APRIL, A.D., 1993.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 27 day of MAY, A.D., 1993.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

APPROVED:

CITY ATTORNEY

ARTICLE IV, LICENSES AND REGISTRATION

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Section 8-161, Registration

a. General. Any person submitting application or validation to obtain a permit in the City of Abilene, shall be registered as a contractor.

Exception: Homeowners may obtain permits to do work at their residence, at which they own and reside, without being registered.

- b. Registration Requirements. Contractors may register by making application on forms provided by the Building Official. Electrical, Irrigation, Mechanical and Plumbing contractors shall provide proof of required license.
- c. Revocation/Suspension. A contractor's registration may be suspended for the following causes:
 - 1. The contractor fails to finalize permits by obtaining the required, approved inspections.
 - 2. The contractor allows use or occupancy of the structure for which a permit was obtained without first obtaining the required authorization.
 - 3. The contractor has been found, by the Board of Building Standards, or Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and Swimming Pool Board of Appeals, to have knowingly violated Construction Regulations, Chapter 8, of the City Code.
 - 4. Expiration, suspension or revocation of required license, bond or insurance.

Section 8-162, Definitions

- a. Electrical license is authorization issued under the provisions set out in the Electrical Code of the City of Abilene, allowing an individual to perform work which is controlled by the city electrical code.
- b. Mechanical license is authorization issued by the State of Texas allowing an individual to install air conditioning, heating and ventilating systems or their components.
- c. Plumbing license is a license issued by the State of Texas under the provisions of Article 6243.101, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, as amended, (known as "The Plumbing License Law of 1974").
- d. Registration is a contractor's registration obtained from the City of Abilene.

Section 8-163, Permits and Inspections

Registration Required. No person shall be allowed to obtain a permit for the purpose of contracting any general, electrical, mechanical or plumbing work unless that person holds the appropriate registration for that work.

Exception: Registration is not required for a homeowner to obtain a permit to do work at their residence, at which they own and reside.

Section 8-164, Fee

Fees shall be assessed according to City Council resolution.

Section 8-165-8-170, Reserved.