

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE AMENDING APPENDIX A, CITY OF ABILENE PLUMBING PERMIT FEES AND ADDING APPENDIX I, LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, IN ITS ENTIRETY AS SET OUT BELOW, TO THE PLUMBING CODE PAMPHLET, AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 4, SECTION 8-511 OF THE CITY OF ABILENE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY; AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1656 amended Chapter 401 of the Local Government Code to require municipalities with a minimum population of 20,000 or more to adopt a landscape irrigation ordinance;

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

- PART 1:** That Appendix A of the plumbing code pamphlet is amended, as set out in Exhibit A, attached, and made part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2:** That Appendix I of the plumbing code pamphlet, as referenced in Chapter 8, Article VI, Division 4, Section 8-511 of the City of Abilene Code of Ordinances, as set out in Exhibit B, attached, is made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 3:** That if the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.
- PART 4:** That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in accordance with Chapter 1 (Section 1-9) of this Code.
- PART 5:** Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 20th day of November, 2008.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on 30th day of November, 2008, the same being more than 24 hours prior to a public hearing being held in the Council Chamber of City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on the 4th day of December, 2008, to permit the public to be heard. 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 SECOND AND FINAL READING this 4th day of December, 2008.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR

APPROVED:


CITY ATTORNEY

Appendix A
CITY OF ABILENE
PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

The permit and inspection fees, herein provided, shall be paid to the City before the issuance of a permit and before any work is started.

Minimum Permit Fee	\$50.00
Reinspection Fee	75.00
Water Heater	5.00
Each Plumbing Fixture	2.00
Sand Trap, Grease Trap, Interceptors	5.00
Sewer	5.00
Trenchless Sewer System	40.00
Alley Cuts, Paved	5.00
Alley Cuts, Gravel	5.00
Water Service Line	5.00
Gas Service Line	5.00
Gas Test	7.50
Each Gas Opening	1.50
Gas Dryer	3.00
Outside Appliance	3.00
Boiler to 3 HP	6.00
Boiler 3 HP, to/and including 15 HP	10.00
Boiler over 15 HP, to/and including 30 HP	15.00
Boiler over 30 HP, to/and including 50 HP	25.00
Boiler over 50 HP	50.00
Sprinkler Permit Through 2" Residential Irrigation System	25.00 75.00
Commercial Irrigation System ≤ 20 heads or ≤ 4 rotors	75.00
Sprinkler Permit Over 2" Commercial Irrigation System > 20 heads or > 4 rotors	35.00 150.00
Mobile Home Sewer P-Trap	5.00
Septic Tank	10.00
Water Softener	10.00
Rain Water Roof Drain	3.00
Infrared Radiant Heaters	5.00
Wall Heaters	5.00
Floor Furnaces	8.00
Unit Heaters	5.00
Backflow Prevention Device	15.00
Temporary Gas Service	15.00

OTHER INSPECTIONS AND FEES

Inspections outside of normal business hours (Minimum Charge-two hours)	200.00
Special Request Inspections (Minimum Charge-one hour)	100.00
Board of Building Standards and Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and Swimming Pool Board of Appeals request for hearing for alternate methods and materials	100.00
Contractor's Registration (annually, due by December 31 of each year)	65.00
Contractor's Registration Initial Set-up Fee	50.00
Stop Work Order Release Fee	

EXHIBIT B

Appendix I, *{Add a new Appendix I as follows :}*

**APPENDIX I
Landscape Irrigation**

The City of Abilene adopts by reference Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 344, Subchapter A, E and F, with the following amendments, to be used in conjunction with the plumbing code to regulate the installation of irrigation systems.

**SUBCHAPTER F. STANDARDS FOR DESIGNING, INSTALLING, AND
MAINTAINING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

344.62 Minimum Design and Installation Requirements. *{Amend as follows :}*

(j) Rain or moisture ~~and freeze~~ shut-off devices or other technology. All new automatically controlled irrigation systems must include sensors or other technology designed to inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation system during periods of moisture or rainfall ~~and during periods of freezing temperatures~~. Rain or moisture ~~and freeze~~ shut-off technology must be installed according to the manufacturer's published recommendations. Repairs to existing automatic irrigation systems that require replacement of an existing controller must include a sensor or other technology designed to inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation system during periods of moisture or rainfall ~~and during periods of freezing temperatures~~.