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Editor's note— Although Ord. 6004 repealed Ords. 5990 and 5991, the intent was to rescind Ords. 5990 and 5991. Therefore, no action from Ords. 5990 and 5991 have been incorporated into this chapter.

13.13.010 Title

This chapter shall be known as the licensing/registration of the plumbing, utility and lawn irrigation trade, and may be so cited.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.020 Purpose And Scope

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the licensing of the Utility ~~plumbing~~ trade doing ~~plumbing~~ Utility work in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in order to protect public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

~~**13.13.100 Plumbing Board Of Appeals**~~

~~In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the administrative authority relative to the application and interpretations of this code; there is created the plumbing board of appeals (hereinafter referred to as the board) consisting of members who are qualified by experience and training to pass upon matters pertaining to plumbing design, construction and maintenance and the public health aspects of plumbing systems, and who are not employees of the jurisdiction. The plumbing inspector shall be an ex officio member and shall act as secretary to the board but shall have no vote upon any matter before the board. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the building official.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.110 Limitations Of The Board**~~

~~The board shall have no authority relative to interpretation of the administrative provisions of this code nor shall the board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.120 Membership Of The Board**~~

~~The board shall consist of six members with two members being qualified and licensed plumbing masters; two members being qualified and licensed journeyman plumbers; one member being qualified and licensed utility master; and one member being a member of the public at large. The administrative authority shall be an ex officio member of the board and shall act as secretary to said board. The appointments shall be staggered two year terms. A vacancy occurs when a member resigns, dies, moves from the state of Iowa, or has three unexcused absences (as determined by the board) within any twelve-month period.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.130 Records Of The Board**~~

~~The plumbing inspector or the inspector's designee shall serve as secretary of the board and shall keep minutes and records of all proceedings before the board.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.140 Terms Of The Board**~~

~~The term for each member of the board shall be two years. A board member will be limited to two consecutive terms without a break in service. The board shall at the first meeting of the calendar year elect one of its members to serve as the chairperson of the board, and elect one of its members to serve as the vice chairperson of the board.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~13.13.150 Meetings Of The Board~~

~~The board shall conduct meetings on an as needed basis. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~13.13.160 Duties Of The Board~~

~~The duties of the board include:~~

~~A. Making a determination of any appeal arising from actions of the administrative authority; and~~
~~B. Shall review and approve new license/registration applications in accordance with this chapter.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~13.13.170 Appeal Procedure For The Board~~

~~A. Any individual or group aggrieved by a decision of the administrative authority may appeal that decision within thirty (30) days by filing a written notice and an administrative filing fee with the administrative authority as set forth in the current schedule of fees as adopted by the city council.~~
~~B. Within ten (10) days after the appeal is filed, the administrative authority shall schedule a hearing before the board. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after the filing of the appeal unless both parties agree otherwise.~~
~~C. Hearings of the board shall be conducted in an informal manner; formal rules of evidence shall not apply. At the hearing, all parties shall have the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The board may establish additional written rules of procedure for the conduct of hearings.~~
~~D. The appellant shall cause to be made at his or her own expense any test or research required by the board to substantiate his or her claims.~~
~~E. The board may continue the hearing to a specified time and date if the board determines that additional evidence is necessary to decide the issue.~~
~~F. At the conclusion of the hearing, or within ten (10) days after the hearing, the board shall make written findings and either sustain, modify, or reverse the order of the administrative authority. The written findings and decision shall be mailed to the appellant at the appellant's last known address. The secretary of the board shall maintain the written findings and decision as a public record.~~

~~(Ord. 5577 § 1, 2001)~~

13.13.180 Examination

Any person desiring a journeyman or master license in Utility Contracting ~~certain classifications described in this chapter~~ must pass a proctored examination administered by the City of Council Bluffs before being able to obtain a license. ~~if not able to the reciprocation conditions outlined in CBMC 13.13.310.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

13.13.190 Examination - Application

Any person desiring a ~~any classifications of: plumbing master, plumbing journeyman~~, utility master, or utility journeyman shall make application to the plumbing inspector for an examination. The plumbing inspector shall provide forms for this purpose. Applicants will apply for testing to be a ~~plumbing master, a plumbing journeyman~~, a utility master, or a utility journeyman. The applicants shall be reviewed and approved to see if their qualifications for examination have been satisfied. The applicants shall clearly verify in writing their experience for the ~~particular~~ classification of license desired as described in CBMC 13.13.195.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.195 Examination - Qualifications

~~A. Plumbing Master. A person desiring to be examined as a Plumbing Master must be able to show a minimum experience of six years in the area of plumbing/utility work which the applicant seeks to be licensed and at least two of those years as a licensed journeyman; shall be required to pass an examination according to this chapter master's test; and pay the required fee before being issued a license. The method of verification to be the same as for a journeyman.~~

~~B. Plumbing Journeyman. A person desiring to be examined as a journeyman plumber:~~

~~1. Must be able to verify:~~

~~a. The licensing as journeyman plumber from another jurisdiction with the same apprentice requirements (verified by the administrative authority); or~~

~~b. A minimum of three years completed of a four year United States Department of Labor plumber's apprentice school while being employed as a plumber's apprentice; or~~

~~c. A minimum of four years or eight thousand hours of on-the-job experience in the trade as a plumbing apprentice; by~~

~~(1) A notarized letter from a master or journeyman plumber currently licensed with the city stating the apprentice has demonstrated his or her abilities to perform the duties of a journeyman plumber; or~~

~~(2) Business or tax records; and~~

~~2. Shall be required to pass an examination according to this chapter's journeyman's exam and pay the required fee before being issued a license.~~

C. Utility Master. A person desiring to be examined as a utility master must be able to show a minimum experience of four years in the area of plumbing/utility work which the applicant seeks to be licensed and at least two of those years as a licensed journeyman; and shall be required to pass an examination according to this chapter master's test and pay the required fee before being issued a license.

D. Utility Journeyman. A person desiring to be examined as a utility journeyman:

1. Must be able to verify:
    a. The licensing as utility journeyman from another jurisdiction with the same apprentice requirements (verified by the administrative authority); or
    b. A minimum of two years or four thousand hours of on-the-job experience in their trade; by:

(1) A notarized letter from a ~~master or journeyman plumber or~~ utility master currently licensed with the city stating the apprentice has demonstrated his or her abilities to perform the duties of a utility journeyman; and/or

(2) Business or tax records;

2. Shall be required to pass an examination according to this chapter journeyman's exam and pay the required fee before being issued a license.

~~E. Tradesperson and/or Apprentice. There is no minimum experience required for registration.~~

(Ord. 5425 § 1, 1998: Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.200 Examination - Fee

Every person making application for each date of examination or reexamination for a particular type of license shall pay an examination fee for each test as set forth in the prevailing schedule of fees, CBMC 2.08. The fees shall be paid and attached to each application for the license classification(s) desired. Fees for examinations are not refundable.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.210 Examination - Methods

Every person examined shall show satisfactory knowledge of the methods and standards for performing ~~doing~~ work under the codes of the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The examination shall be ~~from a third-party testing agency using~~ an exam based on the code adopted by the city, practical, and shall be of such a nature as to uniformly test the capabilities of all applicants for the same type of license. The exams shall be proctored. The passing percentage grade for the examinations shall be seventy-five (75) percent correct.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

~~**13.13.220 Examination - Failure**~~

~~When an applicant fails to pass the examination required by this chapter, a waiting period of one month on the first failure; three months on the second failure; and six months on the third failure shall be required before such applicant shall be eligible to again take such examination.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.230 Plumbing**~~

~~A. Plumbing Work. Plumbing work is the installation, alteration, replacement, repair, and maintenance of plumbing fixtures; plumbing systems; potable water systems; nonpotable water systems; drain, waste, and vent systems; fuel gas systems; and other piping systems which includes but are not limited to: hot water heating package boilers, potable water boilers, other piping systems for solid, liquid, and gas; setting fixtures and other related equipment. Also, all work covered by utilities, drain cleaners, water softeners, and lawn sprinkling.~~

~~B. Plumbing Master. A plumbing master is a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and is qualified and equipped to layout, plan, install, repair, and maintain plumbing systems and plumbing fixtures; and to supervise apprentices and journeymen in plumbing work. It~~

~~is unlawful for any person to do plumbing work in the capacity of a master plumber without a valid Council Bluffs master plumber's license.~~

~~C. Plumbing Journeyman. A plumbing journeyman is a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to plumbing work as an employee of a plumbing master. It is unlawful for any person to do plumbing work in the capacity of a journeyman plumber without a valid Council Bluffs journeyman plumber's license. A journeyman plumber shall work under the authority of a master plumber.~~

~~D. Plumbing Apprentice. A plumbing apprentice is a person who does plumbing work as an employee under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of a plumbing master or journeyman. It is unlawful for any person to do plumbing work in the capacity of an apprentice plumber without a valid Council Bluffs apprentice plumber's license. The master can work a maximum of two apprentices per journeyman or master.~~

~~E. CSST Installer. A CSST installer is a person who installs, repairs, maintains, replaces, and alters corrugated stainless steel tubing systems for fuel gas. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or repair CSST fuel gas piping without the following: certification by the manufacturer; a valid Council Bluffs master or journeyman plumber's license; and a valid registration with the city of Council Bluffs.~~

~~F. Backflow (Plumbing) Technician. A backflow (plumbing) technician is a person who installs, repairs, maintains, replaces, and tests backflow prevention devices, it is unlawful for any person to install, repair, maintain, or test backflow devices without the following: a valid Iowa Department of Public Health registration card for backflow prevention assembly tester; a valid Council Bluffs master or journeyman plumber's license; and a valid registration with the city of Council Bluffs.~~

~~G. Backflow (fire) technician. A backflow (fire) technician is a person who installs, repairs, maintains, replaces, and tests backflow prevention devices on fire protection systems on non-potable and potable water systems. It is unlawful for any person to install, repair, maintain, or test backflow devices without the following: a valid Iowa Department of Public Health registration card for backflow prevention assembly tester; and a valid registration with the city of Council Bluffs.~~

~~H. Backflow Tester. A backflow tester is a person who is limited to testing, repair, and maintenance of backflow prevention devices. It is unlawful for any person to test and repair backflow devices without a valid Iowa Department of Public Health registration card for backflow prevention assembly tester and a valid registration with the city of Council Bluffs.~~

~~I. Welder Operator. A welder operator is a person who does welding on fuel gas piping system and process piping systems. It is unlawful for any person to weld on process piping or fuel gas piping systems without a valid ASME Section IX certification and a valid registration with the city of Council Bluffs.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

13.13.240 Utilities

A. Utility Work. Utility work is the installation, alteration, replacement, repair, and maintenance of sewer laterals, ~~septic systems~~, and water services from the public main to the building. ~~Also, all work covered by drain cleaning.~~

B. Utility Master. A utility master is a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and is qualified and equipped to layout, plan, install, repair, and maintain sewer laterals and water services and to supervise apprentices and journeymen in utility work. It is unlawful for any person to do utility work in the capacity of a utility master without a valid Council Bluffs utility master's license.

C. Utility Journeyman. A utility journeyman is a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and does utility work as an employee of a utility master. It shall be unlawful for any person to do utility work in the capacity of a utility journeyman without a valid Council Bluffs utility journeyman's license.

~~D. Utility Apprentice. A utility apprentice is a person who does utility work as an employee under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of a utility master or journeyman. It is unlawful for any person to do utility work in the capacity of a utility apprentice without a valid Council Bluffs utility apprentice's license. The master can work only two utility apprentices per utility journeyman or master.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~13.13.245 General Contractor~~

~~A general contractor is a person who is licensed pursuant to this title and is permitted personally or to directly supervise his or her employees in the installation, repair, and/or maintenance of storm sewer systems and subsoil drain systems that are on private property and are not a part of the building sanitary drain system. Utility permits and inspections are required on all new or altered storm sewer systems.~~

~~(Ord. 5526 § 1, 2000)~~

13.13.250 Lawn Irrigation ~~Sprinkling~~

A. Lawn ~~Sprinkling~~ Irrigation Work. Lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation work is the installation, alteration, repair, replacement, and maintenance of lawn ~~sprinkler~~ irrigation piping systems for non-potable water starting at the downstream end of a backflow prevention device. The backflow valve shall be installed by a licensed plumbing backflow technician. Lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation work includes all piping, heads, valves, and piping of controls in the lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation system.

B. Lawn ~~Sprinkling~~ Irrigation ~~Master~~ Registration. A lawn irrigation contractor ~~sprinkling master~~ is a person, firm, partnership, or corporation who may conduct, carry on, or engage in the business of lawn irrigation ~~sprinkling~~ work. It shall be unlawful for any lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation contractor ~~master~~ to engage in the business of lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation work as a lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation contractor ~~master~~ unless they have a valid Council Bluffs lawn ~~sprinkling~~ irrigation ~~master's~~ registration.

~~C. Lawn Sprinkling Tradesperson. A lawn sprinkling tradesperson is a person who does lawn sprinkling work as an employee of a lawn sprinkler master.~~

~~It is unlawful for any lawn sprinkling tradesperson to do lawn sprinkling work in the capacity of a lawn sprinkling tradesperson without a valid Council Bluffs lawn sprinkling tradesperson's registration.~~

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

~~**13.13.260 Water Conditioning**~~

~~A. Water Conditioning Work. Water conditioning work is the installation, alteration, repair, replacement, and maintenance of water conditioners and their systems. Water conditioning work starts at the downstream side of the backflow prevention device. The backflow valve shall be installed by a licensed plumbing backflow technician.~~

~~B. Water Conditioning Master. A water conditioning master is a person, firm, partnership, or corporation who may conduct, carry on, or engage in the business of water conditioning work. It is unlawful for any water conditioning master to engage in the business of water conditioning work as a water conditioning contractor unless they have a valid Council Bluffs water conditioning master's registration.~~

~~C. Water Conditioning Tradesperson. A water conditioning tradesperson is a person who does water conditioning work as an employee of a water conditioning master. It is unlawful for any person to do water conditioning work in the capacity of a water conditioning tradesperson without a valid Council Bluffs water conditioning tradesperson's registration.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

~~**13.13.270 Drain Cleaning**~~

~~A. Drain Cleaning Work. Drain cleaning work is the maintenance by cleaning of the drain, waste and vent piping system or of the sewer laterals by cable, rodding, jetting, or other acceptable practices. Also, all work covered by replacement of P traps and cleanout caps.~~

~~B. Drain Cleaning Master. A drain cleaning master is a person, firm, partnership, or corporation who may conduct, carry on, or engage in the business of drain cleaning. It is unlawful for any drain cleaning master to do drain cleaning work as a drain cleaning master unless they have a valid Council Bluffs drain cleaning master's registration.~~

~~C. Drain Cleaning Tradesperson. A drain cleaner tradesperson is a person who does drain cleaning work as an employee of a drain cleaning master. It shall be unlawful for any person to do drain cleaning work in the capacity of a drain cleaning tradesperson without a valid Council Bluffs drain cleaning tradesperson's registration.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

13.13.290 Licensing And Registrations

A. Classifications for this chapter are as follows:

~~Plumbing and~~ Utility	Master (licensed) (active or inactive)
~~Plumbing and~~ Utility	Journeyman (licensed)
~~Plumbing and Utility~~	~~Apprentice (registered)~~

Lawn Irrigation ~~Sprinkler, Water Conditioner, and Drain Cleaner~~	~~Master~~ Contractor (registered) ~~(active or inactive)~~
~~Lawn Sprinkler, Water Conditioner, and Drain Cleaner~~	~~Tradesperson (registered)~~

B. All licenses and registrations shall expire on July 1st of each odd numbered year and may be renewed thereafter biennially upon application of the licensee or registrant with payment of the annual fee to the city clerk.

~~C. Any licensee/registrant whose license/registration has expired shall have the right to renew such license/registration, without examination, on or before the following August 1st.~~

D. New licenses/registrations may be prorated on a half-year basis.

E. An identification card shall be furnished a licensee by the city of Council Bluffs at the time of the issuance of such license/registration, and the identification card shall be ~~worn or~~ carried on the person of such licensee/registrant at all times during the working period of the licensee/registrant, and failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this chapter.

F. On or before June 1st of each renewal year, the city will send notices to the licensee's/registrant's last known address informing them that their registration or license is nearing expiration. The provision of this subjection is as a courtesy to the licensee/registrants, and the failure of the city to send such a notice or the failure of the licensee/registrant to receive such notice does not affect the expiration date of the license/registration, so long as the license/registration issued by the city showed an expiration date thereon.

G. All of the above listed masters, journeymen, registered irrigation contractors and plumbing contractors, ~~tradespersons and apprentices~~ shall be subject to the laws of the state of Iowa and the ordinances of the Municipal Code for the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

(Ord. 5780 § 1 (part), 2004)

13.13.300 License/Registration – Late Fees

Before a license/registration shall be issued under this chapter, the applicant shall pay the biennial license fees as set forth in the current schedule of fees found as adopted by the city council. If a ~~an expired license/registration~~ license is not renewed by July 1 ~~the following July 15th~~, there will be a penalty fee as set forth in the current schedule of fees.

(Ord. 5780 § 1 (part), 2004)

~~**13.13.310 License/Registration - Reciprocation Conditions**~~

~~A. Any licensee from another jurisdiction that uses the same proctored third party test and passing score minimum as Council Bluffs, and who can produce written credentials showing proper accreditation (test scores) and a valid license from that jurisdiction to work as a journeyman or master, shall be excused from taking the examination required under this chapter, and a license shall be issued upon payment of the required fee.~~

~~B. A reciprocation agreement between the board, the administrative authority, and other jurisdictions within the greater metro and surrounding jurisdictions may be reached, but~~

~~only with those jurisdictions that test and license the craftsmen with equal requirements for qualifications on the craftsmen.~~

~~(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)~~

13.13.320 License/Registration - Suspension Or Revocation

In addition to the penalties provided in this chapter, the Chief Building Official ~~board~~ may suspend for 30 days or less ~~or revoke~~ the license/registration of any licensed/registered master, journeyman, ~~tradesperson,~~ ~~or apprentice~~ or contractor issued under the provisions of this chapter if the licensee/registree has violated this chapter or the plumbing code of the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Suspensions issued by the Chief Building Official may be appealed to the Community Development Director. Any suspension or revocation exceeding 30 days is to be sent to the Board of Appeals for consideration. The licensee/registree shall surrender such license/registration either in person or by sending it by certified mail to the plumbing inspector within five days after the board sends notice of suspension or revocation to the licensee's/registree's last known address. Any master, journeyman, registree ~~or apprentice~~ whose license has been suspended or revoked by the Board of Appeals shall not be permitted to apply for another license or registration for a period as determined by the board, not to exceed one year for the date of such suspension or revocation.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.330 License/Registration - Transfer Prohibited

If any licensee or registree should or should attempt to transfer his/her license or to allow or permit the same to be used, directly or indirectly, by any other person for any purpose whatsoever, the licensee/registree shall be subject to the penalties as outlined in this chapter.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.340 Masters

A master shall be employed full-time. Masters licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall be responsible for the classifications and area(s) of work for which their license was issued. All masters shall meet the qualifications detailed in this chapter. All masters shall be categorized as either being active or inactive. An inactive master is a person who has met the licensing/registration requirements pursuant to this chapter; who labors in their trade; is not required to comply with the bonding and insurance requirements; and is not permitted to apply for permits in their name. An active master is a person who has met the licensing/registration requirements pursuant to this chapter; who labors in their trade; is required to comply with the bonding and insurance requirements; and is permitted to apply for permits in their name.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.350 Master's License/Registration Required

No person, company, partnership, firm, corporation, and/or association shall engage in business as a master and do work on a Utility ~~plumbing~~ system within the city of Council Bluffs, unless such person, company, firm, partnership, corporation, and/or association shall have obtained from the City of Council Bluffs a master's license/registration.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.360 Master - Insurance Required

A Utility ~~plumbing~~ master contractor shall furnish to the city clerk a certificate of insurance, subject to approval by the city attorney, evidencing commercial general liability insurance coverage or its equivalent in the minimum amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury, including death or damage to property of others, arising out of work performed or responsibilities assumed under the license. The aggregate limit shall be no less than one million dollars ($1,000,000.00). In addition, the Utility ~~plumbing~~ master contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance, subject to approval by the city attorney, evidencing worker's compensation insurance sufficient to satisfy the laws of the state of Iowa; employer's liability insurance in the minimum amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00); and auto liability insurance in the minimum amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00).

These limits may be provided by any combination of primary and excess policies. The insurance company shall endeavor to provide thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation or nonrenewal to the city clerk.

(Ord. 5850 § 2, 2005)

13.13.370 Master - Bond Required

Before an active master's license can be issued under the provisions of this chapter, the applicant therefor shall furnish a corporate surety bond, said bond to be approved by the city attorney, in the sum of not less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), to secure the city of Council Bluffs and the public against damages that may arise by virtue of carelessness or neglect of the licensee to properly execute and protect the work, or for any penalty that may be imposed under the provisions of this chapter. The bond shall be executed by a qualified surety company, licensed to do business in the state of Iowa. The bond shall further be conditioned that the applicant shall furnish and install all work by his or her firm or corporation furnished and installed in strict compliance with the term of this chapter.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.380 Master - Advertising

Any master licensed under the provisions of this chapter who advertises in a print medium distributed to Council Bluffs' residences shall also include in the advertisement the master's license number.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.390 Journeyman

A contractor may employ a licensed journeyman to be responsible for the classifications and area(s) of work for which his or her journeyman's license was issued. All journeymen shall meet the qualifications detailed in this chapter.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

~~**13.13.400 Master's And Journeyman's Continuing Education**~~

~~A. Before the next full license year of the adoption of a new edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, all plumbing masters and journeymen licensed by this chapter must attend not less than two hours or more than eight hours of the administrative authority's classroom instruction on the plumbing code's revisions and updates before renewing their license. Any apprentice may attend.~~

B. The plumbing masters and journeymen will be responsible to convey this continuing education classroom information to their apprentices.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.410 Apprentice

A master may have employed registered apprentices to assist in their work. Apprentices will be permitted to do work within the city limits of Council Bluffs, Iowa, if the following requirements are met:

A. An apprentice shall be employed by a master licensed by the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
B. All work performed by an apprentice shall be under the direct supervision of a master or journeyman licensed by the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
C. The apprentice shall be involved in some type of on-the-job training which will be established by his or her employer.
D. The apprentice shall possess an apprentice certificate which may be obtained only through his or her employer who is a contractor licensed to do work in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
E. The contractor may obtain certificates for their apprentices from the city of Council Bluffs only after a proposed training program has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the board of appeals.
F. If, for any reason, the apprentice would leave his or her employment with the master through whom he or she obtained his or her certificate, then such license will become void.
G. Apprentice certificates shall be renewed annually and at the same time the certificate of his or her employer is renewed.

   Exception: The administrative authority and/or plumbing inspector may issue an apprentice license to a licensed journeyman from another jurisdiction to work in this jurisdiction under the supervision of locally licensed journeymen or master. The apprentice license would be good until the completion of that job or until he or she had been approved to test and has successfully completed an examination. If the applicant does not pass the examination, then they must be enrolled in an approved apprentice program until they can qualify to retest and pass the examination.
H. The working ratio of apprentices to journeyman or masters shall be a maximum of 2:1.

(Ord. 5410 § 1 (part), 1998)

13.13.420 Violation - Penalty

Any person found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty provisions set forth in CBMC 8.02.020. Each day that a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate and distinct violation. At the discretion of the city attorney, any violation of the provisions of this chapter may be pursued as a municipal infraction according to the terms of CBMC 1.95 in lieu of criminal prosecution.

(Ord. 5577 § 4, 2001)