

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work involves the performance of routine review and approval of plumbing/building plans and specifications submitted with applications for local plumbing permits. A Plumbing Inspector is responsible for inspecting the plumbing of facilities and buildings both erected and under construction and repair for compliance with approved plans and specifications, the local plumbing code, and other applicable laws and ordinances related to plumbing. The work is performed under general supervision with considerable leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate employees. A Plumbing Inspector does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Issues plumbing permits and furnishes the prescribed certificate of approval upon application;
- Explains the requirements of the local plumbing code, and other applicable laws and ordinances to building contractors and the general public;
- Inspects piping, traps, fixtures, drainage and other plumbing facilities on buildings and structures in the excess of construction or repair to ensure compliance;
- Provides for the removal of illegal and/or unsafe conditions and secures the necessary safeguards during installation;
- Orders unsafe plumbing conditions in existing structures to be removed and arranges for condemnation notices to owners and officers of improper plumbing;
- Inspects existing plumbing facilities to insure their conformity with safety standards;
- Investigates complaints and assists in prosecuting violations of the plumbing code;
- Maintains records and acts of decisions;
- Prepares periodic reports of plumbing installations in buildings and structures erected or altered, of permits issued, of fees collected and estimated cost of work covered by such permits, for presentation to the local governing body.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of modern practices, principles, materials and tools used in the plumbing trade; thorough knowledge of the requirements of the local plumbing code; good knowledge of New York State Multiple Residence Law; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other public officials, building contractors, plumbing contractors and the general public; ability to read and interpret plans and specifications; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; thoroughness, good judgment; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- (a) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and three years of experience involving or supervising the installation and/or repair of plumbing facilities; or
- (b) Seven years of work experience including three years of experience involving or supervising the installation and/or repair of plumbing facilities; or
- (c) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a) and (b).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Candidates must meet the following requirements to be eligible for appointment:

1. Must possess and maintain a valid motor vehicles operator's license.
2. Must be licensed as a Master Plumber.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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