

ORDINANCE NO. 95-22

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE HERNANDO COUNTY PLUMBING CODE: PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE, 1994 EDITION; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 1; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERANCE OF PARTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE, 1994 EDITION, AND APPENDIXES A, B, C, D, F, G, I, AND J AS PROMULGATED BY SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL, INC., PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTERS 1, 3, 6, and 14

There is hereby adopted by the County of Hernando, Florida, for the purpose of establishing and prescribing rules and regulations for the installation, construction, alteration, removal, moving, improving, repairing, equipping, use, occupancy, location and maintenance of plumbing in buildings and structures

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and otherwise, that certain plumbing code known as the Standard Plumbing Code, as recommended by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., a non-profit and non-political servicing organization with its principal offices at Birmingham, Alabama, being particularly the 1994 Edition, and Appendixes A, B, C, D, F, G, I, and J thereof. The same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth in haec verba except as noted elsewhere herein and from the date upon which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the installation, construction, alteration, removal, moving, improving, repairing, equipping, use, occupancy, location and maintenance of plumbing within the unincorporated areas of the county.

**SECTION 2. MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE STANDARD
PLUMBING CODE**

Chapter 1 of the Standard Plumbing Code is hereby modified by amending Subsection 104.1.1, 104.2.1, and Subsection 105.6; deleting Subsection 104.7.2; and adding Subsection 104.7.2.1, and Subsection 105.6.2, as follows:

104.1.1 - When Required (Permits)

EXCEPTION: Permits shall not be required for the following work: Items 1 through 7 in Subsection 104.1.1 of the Standard Plumbing Code are hereby deleted.

1. Any work of a casual, minor, or inconsequential nature, when the work is completed by the owner of a single

family home or a mobile home, in which the owner resides and the aggregate cost for labor and material is less than \$500.00. This exemption does not apply if the construction, repair, remodeling or improvement is a part of a larger or major job.

2. Other small and inconsequential construction after reviewed by the Building Official and determined that work is exempt and written policy established.

104.2.1 - Requirements

When required by the Building Official, two or more copies of specifications, and drawings drawn to scale with sufficient clarity and detail to indicate the nature and character of the work commencing before permit issuance, shall accompany the application for a permit. Such drawings and specifications shall contain information, in the form of notes or otherwise, as to the quality of materials, where quality is essential to conformity with the technical codes. Such information shall be specific, and the technical codes shall not be cited as a whole or in part, nor shall the term "legal" or its equivalent be used, as a substitute for specific information. Plans shall include the following: foundation plan, floor plan, all elevations, electrical plan, mechanical layout, and plumbing layout. All information, drawings, specifications and accompanying data shall bear the name and signature of the person responsible for the design.

104.6.1.1

A permit shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years from date of issuance. Any permit not valid is voided. Construction work which is not completed pursuant to a voided permit shall be re-permitted pursuant to this code and all work shall be ceased until the issuance of a permit.

104.7.2.1

Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permit shall be subjected to a penalty of double (200%) the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.

105.6 Required Inspections

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1. **Underground Inspection:** To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, piping installed, and before any backfill is put in place.
2. **Roughing-In Inspection:** To be made after the roof, framing, fire blocking and bracing is in place and all soil, waste and vent piping is complete, and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling membranes.
3. **Final Inspection:** To be made after the building is complete, all plumbing fixtures are in place and properly connected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.

NOTE: See Section 417 of the Standard Plumbing Code

for required tests.

105.6.2 Failure to Call for Inspections

Any person found guilty of failure to call for any required inspections is subject to a fine and penalty as set forth in the Development Department Fee Schedule, which is adopted by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution.

SECTION 3. MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE

Chapter 3 of the Standard Plumbing Code is hereby modified by amending Sections 311.3.1.

311.3.1 - TEST OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Upon completion of a section or of the entire water supply system, it shall be tested and proved tight under constant working pressure or under a pressure not less than 100 p.s.i. for 24 hours prior to inspection. Water used for tests shall be obtained from a potable source of supply.

SECTION 4. MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE

Chapter 6 of The Standard Plumbing Code is modified by amending Subsection 606, 607, and 608 as follows:

606.3.3.1

All automatic lawn sprinkler systems shall be equipped with an automatic rain sensor device.

607.1.1

A group of not more than four fixtures shall be connected to 1/2 inch cold water supply. This provision is not intended to supersede Appendix "F".

607.1.2

A group of not more than six fixtures shall be connected to 1/2 inch hot water supply. This provision is not intended to supersede Appendix "F".

607.8.4

Residences shall have at least two sets of air chambers or one set for each bathroom group, whichever number is greater. Air Chambers shall be a minimum diameter of 3/4 inch or one pipe size larger than supply pipe (by 18 inch length).

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Underground inaccessible water distribution piping under slabs shall be continuous. No PB or CPVC fittings are allowed under slabs. Any material subject to corrosion shall be protected when used in corrosive soils.

**SECTION 5. MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE STANDARD
PLUMBING CODE**

Chapter 14 of the Standard Plumbing Code is hereby modified by adding Subsection 1402.1 as follows:

1402.1 Exclusion of Standard Gas Code

All referenced standards concerning fuel gas which name the Standard Gas Code shall uniformly refer to NFPA 54 and NFPA 58 to the exclusion of the Standard Gas Code.

SECTION 6. SEVERANCE OF PARTS

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or other part or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 7. REPEALER CLAUSE

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, those previously enacted ordinances and amendments thereto which regulate the construction activities addressed by this ordinance, namely Hernando County Ordinance No. 92-27 and subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES

Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided for herein. The Director or his authorized representative shall issue notice to all entities violating any provision of this ordinance and shall order that such violations cease. Should any entity fail to comply with such notice, or order, the Governing Body or its authorized official may institute appropriate action to bring such entity before a court of law for adjudication. Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned or both fined and imprisoned, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 125.69 of

the Florida Statutes.

SECTION 9. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 5th day of December,

1995, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

By 
JOHN RICHARDSON, CHAIRMAN

Attest 
KAREN NICOLAI, CLERK

