

**Amendment to the Mecklenburg County
Land Use and Environmental Services Fee Ordinance**

Section 1: The Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Fee Ordinance as adopted on March 12, 1996 is hereby amended as follows:

Section II

D. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

23. Journeyman Certificates - Electrical

Delete the following text:

a) Examination.....\$20.00

Insert the following text:

a) Examination.....not used

24. Journeyman Certificates – Mechanical Licenses

Delete the following text:

a) Examination.....\$20.00 per category

Insert the following text:

a) Examination.....not used

24. Journeyman Certificates – Mechanical Certificates

Delete the following text:

a) Examination.....\$20.00 per category

Insert the following text:

a) Examination.....not used

25. Journeyman Certificates – Plumbing Licenses

Delete the following text:

a) Examination.....\$20.00

Insert the following text:

a) Examination.....not used

Section 2: All other sections of the Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 2013.

**Amendment to the Mecklenburg County
Building-Development Ordinance**

Section 1: The Mecklenburg County Building-Development Ordinance as adopted on February 29, 1996 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 106 Definitions

Delete the following text:

Mechanic - - A person properly qualified by training and experience to perform competently the mechanical work covered by this Ordinance, and whose competency is attested by a Mechanic's license. Minimum requirements for mechanics shall be not less than four (4) years apprentice training period for each of the following categories in which application is made: ductwork, gas piping, mechanical fuel burning equipment, pipe fitting, and refrigeration.

Insert the following text:

Mechanic - - A person properly qualified by training and experience to perform competently the mechanical work covered by this Ordinance, and whose competency is attested by a Mechanic Certificate(s) issued by Mecklenburg County, or has been licensed by the NC State Board of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors as a Technician in H-1, H-2, H-3 or Fuel Piping. After 1/1/2013, requirements for testing and certification shall be provided for by the NC State Board of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors. (See www.nclicensing.org)

Delete the following text:

Journeyman Plumber - A person properly qualified by training and experience, to competently perform the plumbing work covered by this Ordinance, and whose competency is attested by a Journeyman's Certificate. Minimum requirements are four (4) years of training under the supervision of a North Carolina Licensed Plumber.

Insert the following text:

Journeyman Plumber - A person properly qualified by training and experience, to competently perform the plumbing work covered by this Ordinance, and whose competency is attested by a Journeyman's Certificate issued by Mecklenburg County, or has been licensed as a Plumbing Technician by the NC State Board of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors. After 1/1/2013, requirements for testing shall be as provided for by the NC State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors. (See www.nclicensing.org)

Delete the following text:

Master Plumber - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing and Heating Contractors, in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Insert the following text:

Master Plumber - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the NC State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Delete the following text:

State Mechanical License - H1, H2, H3 and refrigeration licenses issued by the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners.

Insert the following text:

State Mechanical Contractor License - H1, H2, H3 and Fuel Gas and Fire Sprinkler Contractors licenses are issued by the North Carolina State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors. The County will recognize the two classes of license issued by this Board:

- Class I, covering all plumbing, heating, and fire sprinkler systems for all structures.
- Class II, covering plumbing and heating systems in single-family detached residential dwellings.

State Refrigeration Contractor License – a license issued by the North Carolina State Board of Refrigeration Contractors.

State Plumbing Contractors License- (Master Plumber) a Plumbing Contractors License issued by the North Carolina State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors

State Fuel Piping Contractor License- a Fuel Piping Contractor License issued by the North Carolina State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors

Add the following text in definitions:

Mechanical contractor - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the NC State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Refrigeration contractor - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the NC State Board of Refrigeration Contractors, in accordance with Article 5 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Plumbing contractor - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the NC State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Fuel Piping contractor - A person, firm or corporation who holds a current license issued by the NC State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

Section 109 Certificates, Licenses, Examinations and Fees

Delete the following text:

A. Any person working as an installation journeyman electrician, plumber or a mechanic in gas piping, pipe fitting, mechanical fuel burning equipment, refrigeration (except domestic refrigeration) or installation of decorative gas appliances shall be certified according to the policies and procedures adopted by the BDC and the Department in accordance with 107.5.C of this Ordinance. Further requirements for licensure to perform mechanical work and other trades are listed in subsection (B) below. At all times that such work is in progress, there shall be a journeyman or mechanic so certified in direct and constant supervision of the work at the work site, or the journeyman or contractor may verify the installation is code compliant with the appropriate volume of the NCSBC, prior to calling for inspection. The licensed electrical, mechanical or plumbing contractor shall be held responsible for any failure to meet these requirements.

Insert the following text:

- A. *Any person working as an installation journeyman electrician, journeyman plumber or a mechanic in gas piping, pipe fitting, mechanical fuel burning equipment, refrigeration (except domestic refrigeration) or installation of decorative gas appliances shall be certified according to the policies and procedures adopted by the BDC , the Department, and the State Licensing Boards. Further requirements for licensure to perform mechanical work and other trades are listed in subsection (B) below. At all times that such work is in progress, there shall be a journeyman electrician, journeyman plumber or mechanic so certified in direct and constant supervision of the work at the work site, or the journeyman electrician, journeyman plumber, mechanic or contractor may verify the installation is code compliant with the appropriate volume of the NCSBC, prior to calling for inspection. The licensed electrical, mechanical or plumbing contractor shall be held responsible for any failure to meet these requirements.*

Delete the following text:

B. Each certificate shall be issued in the name of the person, firm or corporation in whose name the work will be performed and naming in parentheses the individual whose qualification is attested by the certificate. The qualified individual shall be associated as follows with the person, firm or corporation in whose name the certificate is issued: active owner, partner, officer, and employee. If, at any time, the above-described association ceases, then any certificate issued on the basis of that association is void. Should the qualified individual become associated (as described above) with another person, firm or corporation, the certificate may be reissued in the name of such other person, firm or corporation.

1. Warm Air Heating - Installation, alteration or repair of heating systems using direct fired heating units with or without a duct distribution system. Requires a State H3 license.
2. Air Conditioning - Installation, alteration or repair of residential or commercial space cooling or dehumidification systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment under 15 tons capacity shall require a State H-3 license. Installation, alteration or repair of residential or commercial space cooling or dehumidification systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment in excess of 15 tons or more capacity requires a State H2 license.
3. Wet Heat - Installation, alteration or repair of steam or hot water boilers with piping systems and auxiliaries when all or part of the boiler capacity is used for space heating requires a State H1 license.
4. Commercial Refrigeration - Installation, alteration or repair of process or product cooling systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment. Requires State Refrigeration license.
5. Process Boilers and Piping - Installation, alteration or repair of steam or hot water boilers and piping systems where all or part of the boiler capacity is used for process or product heating. Requires license issued by the Department.
6. Ventilation - Installation, alteration or repair of air systems used for ventilation or exhaust when the system is not used to heat or cool the air, or the space served. Requires a license issued by the Department or a State H-3 license.
7. Gas Piping - Installation, alteration, repair and/or extension of gas fuel distribution-piping systems. Requires a state plumbing (P), Heating Group 1 (H1), Heating Group 2 (H2), Heating Group 3 (H3), or Fuel Piping (FP) Contractor's license issued by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, and for LP gas piping only, those LP vendors, dealers, distributors, etc. as approved for gas piping work by the Department.
8. Decorative Gas Appliances - vented and non-vented excluding illuminating gas appliances (gas lights).
 - a. Installation, alteration, or repair of decorative gas appliances vented and non-vented including gas piping requires a State H3 license. Any person working as a

service or installation mechanic under a State H3 license holder shall hold a mechanical journeyman gas piping certificate.

b. Installation, alteration or repair of decorative gas appliances vented and non-vented, excluding gas piping or electrical work requires a Decorative Gas Appliance license issued by the Department. Any person working as a service or installation mechanic under a Decorative Gas Appliance license holder shall hold a mechanical journeyman decorative gas appliance certificate.

Insert the following text:

- B. Each certificate shall be issued in the name of the person, firm or corporation in whose name the work will be performed and naming in parentheses the individual whose qualification is attested by the certificate. The qualified individual shall be associated as follows with the person, firm or corporation in whose name the certificate is issued: active owner, partner, officer, and employee. If, at any time, the above-described association ceases, then any certificate issued on the basis of that association is void. Should the qualified individual become associated (as described above) with another person, firm or corporation, the certificate may be reissued in the name of such other person, firm or corporation. . It shall be the sole responsibility of the certificate holder to notify Mecklenburg County Revenue Collection of any changes to their current employer relationship or other pertinent information.
1. Warm Air Heating - Installation, alteration or repair of heating systems using direct fired heating units with or without a duct distribution system. Installation, alteration or repair of residential or commercial space cooling or dehumidification systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment under 15 tons capacity. Requires a State H-3 Mechanical Contractor License.
 2. Air Conditioning - Installation, alteration or repair of residential or commercial space cooling or dehumidification systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment in excess of 15 tons or more capacity. Requires a State H-2 Mechanical Contractor License.
 3. Wet Heat - Installation, alteration or repair of steam or hot water boilers with piping systems and auxiliaries when all or part of the boiler capacity is used for space heating. Requires a State H-1 Mechanical License.
 4. Commercial Refrigeration - Installation, alteration or repair of process or product cooling systems using mechanical or absorption refrigeration equipment. Requires a State Refrigeration Contractors License.
 5. Process Boilers and Piping - Installation, alteration or repair of steam or hot water boilers and piping systems where all or part of the boiler capacity is used for process or product heating. Requires either a Mecklenburg County Process Boiler License or a State H1 license.
 6. Ventilation - Installation, alteration or repair of air systems used for ventilation or exhaust when the system is not used to heat or cool the air, or the space served. Requires a Contractor's license issued by the Department or a State H-3 license.
 7. Gas Piping - Installation, alteration, repair and/or extension of gas fuel distribution-piping systems. Requires a state plumbing (P1), Heating Group 1 (H1), Heating Group 2 (H2), Heating Group 3 (H3), or Fuel Piping (FP) Contractor's license issued by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors, and for LP gas piping only, those LP vendors, dealers, distributors, etc. as approved for gas piping work by the Department.

8. Decorative Gas Appliances - vented and non-vented excluding illuminating gas appliances (gas lights).
- a. Installation, alteration, or repair of decorative gas appliances vented and non-vented including gas piping requires a State H1, H2, H3 or FP license. Any person working as a service or installation mechanic under an above stated license holder shall hold an existing gas piping mechanic certificate with Mecklenburg County or a Fuel Piping Technician's license issued by the NC State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors.
 - b. Installation, alteration or repair of decorative gas appliances vented and non-vented, excluding gas piping or electrical work requires a Decorative Gas Appliance license issued by the Department. Any person working as a service or installation mechanic under an above stated license holder shall hold an existing gas piping mechanic certificate with Mecklenburg County or a Fuel Piping Technician's license issued by the NC State Board of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors.

Delete the following text:

C. Licenses - Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of heating and air conditioning contracting shall be licensed under the North Carolina State Board of Plumbing and Heating Contractors or the provisions of this Ordinance for the class or classes of work performed.

Insert the following text:

C. Licenses - Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of heating and air conditioning contracting shall be licensed under the North Carolina State Board of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors Board or the provisions of this Ordinance for the class or classes of work performed.

Delete the following text:

G. Homeowner Serving as Contractor - provided they present proof of ownership and continuing residency, homeowners shall be granted the right to place their name on a building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing permit application as the Contractor of Record for a project on their primary residence, per NCGS 87 – 1.

Insert the following text:

G. Homeowner Permits: Homeowners shall be granted the right to place their name on an electrical, mechanical or plumbing permit application as the Contractor of Record without an examination for a project on their primary residence, provided they show proof of ownership and sign an affidavit attesting they will be the contractor of record, and will be the occupant of the dwelling for 12 months uninterrupted following the completion of work.

Renewals - All previously issued electrical and plumbing certificates and mechanical licenses shall expire December 31 annually. Renewal shall be accomplished prior to the thirty (30) day grace period ending January 31, and annually thereafter, by making application to the Department and remitting the renewal fee specified in the Mecklenburg County Construction Permits and Fee Ordinance. Certificates, licenses and registrations not renewed prior to the expiration of the grace period shall be void.

Section 2: All other sections of the Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: This amendment to be effective immediately upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 2013.

