

ORDINANCE NO. 09-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,
ARTICLE II, PLUMBING OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CODE OF
ORDINANCES, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2018 ARKANSAS PLUMBING CODE
AND THE 2018 ARKANSAS FUEL GAS CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The City of Camden, Arkansas desires to adopt by reference the 2018 Edition of the Arkansas Plumbing Code with 2018 Revisions Appendixes B, C, D, E and F; and, the 2018 Edition of the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code with 2018 Appendixes A, B, C and D and, all subsequent editions as adopted by the State of Arkansas and,

WHEREAS, The City has complied with Arkansas Code Ann. §§14-55-207 by publishing a notice of intent to adopt these technical codes by reference in a paper of general circulation within the municipality and three (3) copies of Codes have been available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office for the public prior to their adoption; and,

**WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Health recently adopted the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code for the purpose of setting forth minimum uniform standards to be followed by the Arkansas Plumbing Industry; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary, proper and in the best interest of the City of Camden, Arkansas to adopt an updated the City of Camden's Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code that is consistent with State Codes.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 6-16 Plumbing Code Adopted; shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-16 Plumbing Code Adopted

There is hereby adopted by the City of Camden, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing rules, regulations and specifications for the construction, installation and inspection of plumbing and drainage, including permits and penalties, that certain code known as the Arkansas Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition, Appendixes B,C,D, E and F, promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health, and that certain code known as the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Edition, Appendixes A,B,C, and D promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health, as well as subsequent editions as adopted by the State, herein together shall be known and referred to as the "Plumbing Code", save and except such portions as are hereafter deleted, modified or amended, of which no less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the city clerk; and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein.

SECTION 2. Section 6-18.1 Street Openings shall be added and read as follows:

Any Person, Firm, or corporation making excavation on or in a city street, alley, or right-of-way to install, repair, or replace plumbing, shall be in compliance with **SECTION 19 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ARTICLE III EXAVATIONS,** of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. Section 6-19 **Permits and Inspection Fees** Shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-19 **Permits and Fees:**

The following fees and changes shall be made and collected by the City Clerk or Clerks Designee before a permit shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Office pursuant to this article:

- (1) The minimum charge for any plumbing permit for new work or remodeling shall be:
 - a. Plumbing Permit (**Not required if Building Permit has been issued**) \$25.00
 - b. Gas inspection, Pressure test \$15.00
 - c. Sewer connections (New or Replaced) \$20.00
 - d. Plumbing inspection, per fixture \$5.00
 - e. Water heater new or replaced \$15.00.
 - f. Water service inspection (New or Replaced)..... \$20.00
 - g. RPZ installation inspection..... \$20.00

Plumbing re-inspection fees shall constitute an additional inspection fee set equal to amounts listed above.

The mayor is authorized to charge for plumbing inspections performed outside of the corporate limits of Camden at a rate not to exceed two (2) times the schedule of rates outlined above.

No permit shall have any force or effect unless it has attached to it a receipt or statement from the City Clerk's office showing the payment of any or all fees required by this section.

Further, should any plumbing work be commenced prior to the issuance of a permit, therefore, an additional fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be assessed and imposed as an additional permit and inspection fee.

No permit shall be issued so long as the applicant owes the city any permit and inspection fees for any current or prior work commenced or performed.

SECTION 4. 6-20 **Building Official to act as Plumbing Inspector; Delegation of powers and duties** shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-20 **Code Enforcement Officer to act as Plumbing Inspector: Delegation of powers and duties:**

The Code Enforcement Officer and his or her delegates shall obtain a State of Arkansas Plumbers Inspectors Licenses and shall act as the plumbing inspector for the city of Camden, Arkansas and the duties and functions may be delegated and performed by authorized representatives of the Code Official and under his control and supervision.

Section 5. Section 6-20.1 shall be added and shall read as follows:

6-20.1 Request an emergency disconnect due to an immediate hazard:

The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to request the Water Department to discontinue or cause to be disconnected all water service or services to any and all premises, lands, buildings or structures where it is found that an immediate hazard exists to the purity or potability of the City water supply due to non-compliance with the Plumbing Code and to require the immediate correction of the non-conforming condition prior to restoration of services.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk