

CHAPTER 153
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PLUMBING CODE

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153.01 PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED. Except as hereinafter added to, deleted, modified or amended, there is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of the City that certain Plumbing Code known as the International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition Administrative Provisions, as prepared and edited by the International Code Council, and the State of Iowa Plumbing Code, is hereby specifically incorporated and shall be known as the Robins Plumbing Code. The provisions of said Plumbing Code shall be controlling in the erection, installation, alterations, additions, repair, relocation, replacement, maintenance or use of any plumbing system within the corporate limits of the City.

153.02 AMENDMENTS TO THE PLUMBING CODE. Certain sections and portions of sections of the *Robins Plumbing Code*, are hereby amended, deleted, modified, or added to as more specifically set forth in the following sections of this chapter.

153.03 CONFLICTS. If conflicts arise in requirements with regards to specifications of materials or methods between portions of this code, between this code and other local codes or between this code and applicable State or federal requirements, the more stringent shall apply.

153.04 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 101.2.1 to the *International Plumbing Code, Administrative provisions* as follows:

101.2.1 The *International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition*, as further amended is hereby adopted and shall be considered as part of this code.

153.05 SCHEDULE OF FEES. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by repealing Section 108.2 of the *International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition*, and replacing said section with a new Section 108.2 as follows:

108.2 The fees for all plumbing work shall be as set forth in Table P-1 as adopted by resolution of the Robins City Council.

153.06 EXPIRATION. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new
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Section 105.5.3.1 to the *International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition* as Follows:

105.5.3.1 EXPIRATION. Every plumbing permit issued under the provisions of the Code shall expire twenty-four (24) months from the date of issue, unless the application is accompanied by a construction schedule of specific longer duration, in which instance the permit may be issued for the term of the construction schedule. If the work has not been completed by the expiration date of the permit, no further work shall be done until the permit shall have been renewed by the owner or his or her agent and by payment of the new permit fee as set forth in Table 3-A SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution of the Robins City Council and provided no changes have been made in plans or location. No permit shall be renewed.

153.07 EXTENSIONS. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended adding a new section 105.5.4 to the *International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition* as Follows:

105.5.4 EXTENSIONS. Any permittee holding an unexpired permit shall have the right to apply for an extension of the time within which the permittee will commence work under that permit when work is unable to be commenced within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The code official shall extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding 180 days if there is reasonable cause. A permit shall not be extended more than once. Payment of the permit extension shall be as set forth in Table 3-A, SCHEDULE OF FEES, as adopted by resolution of the Robins City Council.

153.08 VIOLATIONS. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 115.4.1 to the *International Plumbing Code Administrative provisions*, as follows:

115.4.1 PENALTIES. Specifics of information for Section 108, Violations, shall be as set forth in City of Robins Code of Ordinances Chapter 3.

153.09 BOARD OF APPEALS. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by repealing Section 113 of the *International Plumbing Code Administrative Provisions, 2024 Edition*, and replacing said section with new Section 113 as follows:

113 BOARD OF APPEALS. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of this Code, there shall be and is hereby created a Board of Appeals, consisting of the members of the Construction Codes Review Board as established in City of Robins Code of Ordinances Section 155.12. The Building Official or designated representative shall be an ex-officio member without a vote and shall act as secretary of the Board.

The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the Building Official with a duplicate copy to the appellant and may recommend to the City Council such new legislation as is consistent therewith. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless there are no appeals or business on file for a hearing.

Nominal appeal fee to the Board of Appeals shall be paid as set forth in Table P-1

SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution of the City Council. The appeal shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the Board approval to the commencement of work and to the completion of work undertaken pursuant to the approval.

The Board shall have no authority of interpretation of the administration of this code, nor shall such board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.

153.10 EXCEPTION (BACKWATER VALVE). The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new exception to Section 602.3 of the *State of Iowa Plumbing Code*, as follows:

EXCEPTION: The requirements of this section shall apply only at locations determined necessary by the City Engineer based on local conditions.

153.11 GAS PIPE JOINTS. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 403.9.1.1 to the *International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition*, as follows:

403.9.1.1 PIPE JOINTS. All joints of wrought iron steel gas piping larger than two inches (2") standard iron pipe size or providing gas pressure greater than two (2) PSIG shall be welded steel. All welded joints shall comply with the State of Iowa requirements and the work shall be performed by certified welders, whose current certification is on file with the City of Robins.

153.12 FUEL GAS PIPE LOCATION. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 404.3 from the *International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition*, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

404.3 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS. Piping shall not be installed in or through a duct supply, return or exhaust, or a clothes chute, chimney or gas vent, dumbwaiter, or elevator shaft.

153.13 WATER HEATER PAN DRAIN TERMINATION. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding Section 507.5.1 to the *State of Iowa Plumbing Code*, as follows:

507.5.1 PAN DRAIN TERMINATION. The pan drain shall extend full size and terminate over a suitably located indirect waste receptor or floor drain or extend to the exterior of the building and terminate not less than 6 inches and not more than 24 inches above the adjacent ground surface. Where a pan drain was not previously installed, the Code Official may approve installation of a replacement water heater without a pan drain.

153.14 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 603.1.1 to the *State of Iowa Plumbing Code* as follows:

603.1.1 For the purposes of Section 603 *State of Iowa Plumbing Code*, of the Robins Plumbing Code only, the Administrative Authority is the Cedar Rapids Water Department as authorized by City of Robins Council.

The Administrative Authority may create such rules and policy as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

153.15 FROST CLOSURE. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 906.7 from the *State of Iowa Plumbing Code*, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

906.7 FROST CLOSURE. Where the 97.5-percent value for outside design temperature is 0°F or less, every vent extension through a roof or wall shall be not less than 3 inches in diameter. Any increase in the size of the vent shall be made inside the structure at a point not less than 1 foot below the roof or inside the wall. Roof extensions shall terminate by extending above the roof a minimum of 12”.

153.16 SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. The Robins Plumbing Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 1501.1 in its entirety from the *State of Iowa Plumbing Code*, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1501.1 SCOPE. The provisions of Chapter 15 shall be optional and for information only of the materials, design, construction, and installation of subsurface landscape irrigation system connected to non-potable water from on-site water reuse systems.

153.17 CODE ON FILE. An official copy of the Robins Plumbing Code hereby adopted, including a certificate by the Clerk as to its adoption and the effective date thereof, is on file in the office of the Clerk in City Hall and shall be kept there on file, and copies shall be available for public inspection.

153.18 LICENSING OF PLUMBERS.

1. **Title and purpose.** This section shall be known as the "City of Robins, Iowa, Plumbing Contractors, Journeyman Plumbers and Pipe Layers Licensing Code." The purpose of this section is to provide for the licensing and insuring of plumbing contractors, journeymen and pipe layers in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.
2. **Licensing required.** No person shall install, alter, and add to, repair, relocate, replace or maintain any plumbing system within the City unless such person meets the requirements of licensing rules as established by the Iowa Department of Inspections Appeals, and Licenses Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board, and has obtained a permit for said plumbing work from the Building Official according to the provisions of the Robins Plumbing Code.
3. **Violations.** Violations of this section shall be punished as provided in 1.14 of the Code of Ordinances or may be cited as a municipal infraction under Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances.