

CHAPTER 15

GAS CODE

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15.01 TITLE. This Chapter shall be known as the “Standard Gas Code”.

15.02 SCOPE. This Chapter shall promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and safeguard property by regulating the minimum requirements for gas appliances, the installation of gas piping and the installation, alteration, maintenance and use of gas equipment connected thereto.

15.03 PROVISIONS REGULATING THE SALE OF GAS APPLIANCES. (1) All gas appliances and accessories hereafter installed, sold or offered for sale shall conform to reasonable standards of safety.

(2) The presence on a gas appliance or accessory of a safety seal or label of a nationally recognized testing agency or a certificate or letter of approval from such agency or the inclusion of an appliance or accessory in an approved listing by such agency shall be prima facie evidence that such appliance or accessory conforms to reasonable standards of safety. Such nationally recognized testing agency shall be one qualified and equipped to perform and one that does perform periodic inspections of current models of gas appliances and accessories.

15.04 PROVISIONS REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF APPLIANCES. (1) All gas appliances, accessories and piping systems shall be installed to conform to reasonable standards of safety.

(2) Installation of appliances, accessories, and piping that complies with the standards recommended by the American National Standards Institute in its manual entitled “National Fuel Gas Code, Z223.1-1980,” and as to current installation, the most current edition of said manual, shall be considered prima facie as conforming to reasonable standards of safety.

(3) No person except an authorized agent or employee of the gas supplier shall turn on or reconnect gas service in or on any premises where and when gas service is not at the time being rendered. This shall not prohibit an installer from turning on the supply of gas temporarily for the purpose of testing the installation made by him or from turning on gas that he had temporarily turned off for the purpose of connecting an appliance or making repairs.

15.05 ENFORCEMENT. (1) No person shall sell or offer for sale or install any gas appliance, equipment or accessory or gas piping system if the same, when installed for use, would be in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or would be unsafe or dangerous.

(2) The department having jurisdiction may disconnect or order disconnection of any gas appliance, equipment or accessory, or gas piping which does not conform to the requirements of this chapter or which may be found

defective and in such condition as to endanger life or property. Where such disconnection has been made, a notice shall be attached to such appliance, equipment or accessory or gas piping which shall state that it has been disconnected and the reasons therefor, and such notice shall not be removed nor shall the appliance, accessory or gas piping be reconnected until it shall have been made to conform with the requirements of this chapter and its reconnection authorized by the department having jurisdiction.

15.10 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter, or any order, rule or regulation made hereunder, upon conviction, shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 25.04 of this Municipal Code.