

## Chapter 183

### PLUMBING

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City 8-26-1968 as Ch. 36 of the 1968 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction -- See Ch. 101.

Sewers -- See Ch. 192.

Housing standards -- See Ch. 146.

Water -- See Ch. 226.

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§ 183-1. Adoption of Plumbing Code. [Amended 11-5-1990 by Ord. No. 312]

The State Plumbing Code as defined in the Business Occupations and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 12, as revised from time to time, is hereby adopted by reference as the Plumbing Code of Pocomoke City.

§ 183-2. Definitions. [Amended 11-5-1990 by Ord. No. 312; 1-8-1996 by Ord. No. 334]

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**PROVIDE PLUMBING SERVICES** -- That definition contained in the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, Building Regulations Article, § BR 2-106 (1995 edition, as amended).

§ 183-3. Permit required; emergencies; existing facilities. [Amended 11-5-1990 by Ord. No. 312; 1-8-1996 by Ord. No. 334]

- A. No person shall provide any plumbing services within the corporate limits of Pocomoke City, Maryland, except as hereinafter provided, without obtaining a permit from the Pocomoke City Manager or City Housing Inspector. A fee may be charged for such permits. In the case of a bona fide emergency where danger to life and property is present, work may be commenced, provided that a permit must be obtained within twenty-four (24) hours of the next time the City Hall is open for business.
- B. Repairs and maintenance without permit. Repairs and maintenance of existing facilities or installations shall not be subject to inspection or require a permit.

§ 183-4. Compliance with permit and code; inspections. [Amended 11-5-1990 by Ord. No. 312; 1-8-1996 by Ord. No. 334]

All work shall be performed in accordance with the permit and the State Plumbing Code and shall be inspected by the Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc., and no plumbing shall be used until it has passed inspection.

§ 183-5. Violations and penalties. [Amended 11-5-1990 by Ord. No. 312; 1-8-1996 by Ord. No. 331]

Any person who violates the provisions of §§ 183-3 and 183-4 of this chapter shall be guilty of a municipal infraction and subject to a fine as set forth in the Fees, Charges and Rates Schedule, adopted by resolution of the City Council from time to time<sup>2</sup>

§ 183-6. Sewer connection restrictions.

No open gutter, cesspool or privy vault shall be connected with any sewer or drain. Cellar and cistern overflows may be connected with the sewer or drain only when they can be trapped in such a manner that the water seal cannot be destroyed and shall be connected separately to the sewer. When it is possible, every house or property must be separately and independently connected with the street sewer, and in no case is a partnership drain allowed, unless permission is given by the Council and approved by the Supervisor of Maintenance.

§ 183-7. Tampering with sewers; prohibited deposits.

No person shall injure, break, remove or interfere with any portion of any manhole, lamp hole flush tank, catch basin or any part of the sewer system or throw or deposit or cause to be thrown or deposited in any sewer opening or receptacle connecting with the sewer system any dead animals, oils, gases, grease, inflammable or poisonous liquids, ashes, cinders, rags or any other foreign matter or thing which would or could obstruct, damage or overload such system or

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<sup>1</sup>Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

<sup>2</sup>Editor's Note: The current Fees, Charges and Rates Schedule is on file in the City Clerk's office.

sewer. Mill slops and roof water may be deposited by special permit. If a sewer is injured it shall be rebuilt in a manner satisfactory to the Council.

§ 183-8. Discharge of injurious substances into sewers; connection of existing private facilities.

The Supervisor of Maintenance shall have the power to stop and prevent from discharging into the sewer system through any drain substances which are liable to injure the sewer or obstruct the flow of the sewage. Before any old private drain or sewer is connected with the sewer system, the owner of the private drain or sewer shall prove to the satisfaction of the Supervisor that it is clean and conforms in every respect to the rules and regulations of this chapter.

§ 183-9. Trench excavations.

The house sewer trench shall be dug so as to meet the public sewer at the position of the Y-branch as located by the Supervisor. The materials thrown from the trench shall be placed so as not to obstruct and so as to cause the least inconvenience to the public. Proper barriers and lights shall be maintained on the banks of the trench to guard the public against accidents during the progress of the work. In backfilling, the earth shall be carefully rammed or flooded so as to keep the pipe in proper condition and avoid settling, and no stone shall be used in filling until there has been a depth of two (2) feet of fine earth or ground placed over the pipe<sup>3</sup>

§ 183-10. Strainers; substances causing obstruction or damage prohibited.

- A. Exit pipes to all fixtures except water closets shall be furnished with suitable, permanently attached strainers.
- B. No person shall place or suffer to be placed in any sewer opening or in the house connection or private drains connecting with any public main or lateral sewer any substance having a tendency to obstruct the free flowage of the sewers or to damage them in any way.

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<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: Original §§ 36-10 through 36-18, which immediately followed this section and provided construction specifications, were deleted at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.