

An Ordinance adopting the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code, with certain modifications and deletions, as the plumbing code of the Borough of Forest City, and repealing a prior ordinance.

The Borough of Forest City ordains as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Plumbing Code. The Borough of Forest City adopts as its plumbing code, The BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code/1984, Sixth Edition, as published by Building Officials & Code Administrators International, subject to provisions in this ordinance deleting, amending, adding to and making insertions in that code, which is hereinafter referred to as "the code" or "this code."

Section 2. Modifications Made in Plumbing Code. The code is modified and changed in the following respects:

(1) Wherever the words "name of jurisdiction" appear in brackets in the code, the words "The Borough of Forest City" shall be inserted in place of those bracketed words. Likewise, the words "Borough of Forest City" shall be substituted for the word "jurisdiction," when it shall appear singly in the code.

(2) The term "plumbing official," as used in the code, shall mean and refer to the person designated by Borough Council to administer and enforce the code, who may be, but need not be a "code administrator," "code enforcement officer," or his authorized representative, as designated by Council to administer and enforce one or more codes of the Borough.

(3) The term "chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction," and the term "chief authority of the jurisdiction," as used in the code, shall mean the Borough Council.

(4) The term "legal counsel of the jurisdiction," as used in the code, shall mean the Borough Solicitor.

(5) Section P-102.0, Validity, as well as Sections P-102.1, P-102.2 and P-102.3, are deleted.

(6) Section P-104.1 is amended to read as follows:

"P-104.1 Continuation: The legal use and occupancy of any structure existing before the effective date of the ordinance adopting this code, or which had been approved before that effective

date, may be continued without change except as may be specifically covered in this code or deemed necessary by the plumbing official for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

(7) Section P-109.1 is amended to read as follows:

"P-109.1 Plumbing official: The office of plumbing official is created."

(8) The heading of Section P-110.6 is changed from "Department records" to "Official records."

(9) Section P-110.7 is amended to read as follows:

"P-110.7 Annual report: At least once a year, and oftener if required by Borough Council, the plumbing official shall submit to Council a written statement of operations in such form and content as shall be prescribed by Council."

(10) Section P-114.2 is amended to read as follows:

"P-114.2 The permit fees for all plumbing work shall be as follows:

	Cost up to	\$ 50.00	\$ 2.00
51.00	up to and including	100.00	3.00
101.00	up to and including	200.00	6.00
201.00	up to and including	300.00	9.00
301.00	up to and including	400.00	12.00
401.00	up to and including	500.00	15.00
501.00	up to and including	600.00	20.00
601.00	up to and including	700.00	24.00
701.00	up to and including	800.00	28.00
801.00	up to and including	900.00	32.00
901.00	up to and including	1,000.00	36.00
Over 1,001.00 - \$1.00 per thousand."			

(11) Section P-117.4 is amended to read as follows:

"P-117.4 Penalties: Any person who violates any provision of this code or who fails to comply with any requirement of this code, or who installs plumbing work in violation of an approved plan or directive of the plumbing official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of an offense, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$10 or not more than \$300, and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of fine and costs,

to undergo imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Provided: each day on which a violation or failure to comply continues shall be deemed a separate offense."

(12) Section P-118.2 is amended to insert in the two bracketed spaces for dollar amounts "\$10" and "\$100," respectively.

(13) The code is amended to add the following new section directly following Section P-122.4:

"SECTION 123.0 REGULATION OF PLUMBERS

"123.1 Regulation of plumbers: No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the practice of plumbing within the Borough (unless excepted by this code) unless technically qualified to perform such plumbing activities in a competent manner. Such technical qualification shall be demonstrated by the person, firm or corporation by the submission of the following information to the Plumbing Official:

- A statement describing the training course or courses satisfactorily completed.
- A statement adequately describing the work experience of the person, firm, or corporation.
- A statement describing any plumbing licenses received from the State, County, or any other municipality.

The application shall be reviewed and, if deemed necessary, investigated by the Plumbing Official and a recommendation for the approval or disapproval of the application shall be made to Borough Council which shall make the final determination on the technical qualifications and competence of the applicant.

The above provisions for the regulation of plumbers shall not apply to any person who applies for a permit to do any work regulated by this code in a single or two-family dwelling used exclusively for living purposes, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters in connection with that dwelling, provided the person is the bona fide owner of that dwelling and that the dwelling will be occupied by that owner and that the owners shall personally purchase all material and perform or supervise all labor in connection with the work. This exception to the provisions of the regulations shall not apply in cases involving the connection of water and sewer mains.

(14) Section P-303.2 is amended to insert "200 feet" in place of the word "number" in brackets.

(15) Section P-308.3 is amended to insert in the second line "four feet zero inches" and in the third line "four feet zero inches" in the places where the word "number" appears in brackets.

(16) The code is amended to add the following new section directly after Section P-810.5:

"SECTION P-811.0 EXISTING DRAINAGE NUISANCES

"811.1 Existing drainage nuisances: Any surface or roof drainage which creates a structural or health hazard, or any other nuisance to the owners or occupants of the adjacent premises, or to the public by reason of discharge into, onto, or across any adjacent building, premises or public thoroughfare, shall be abated by the owners of the improperly drained areas; and the plumbing official shall require the drainage to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions.

Dry well required: When necessary, a dry well shall be provided to receive the drainage from roofs, basements, or areaways.

Small dry wells: For small dry wells, handling a limited quantity of water, the pit may consist of a three (3) foot length of eighteen (18) inch diameter vitrified clay or cement pipe, filled with crushed rock or stone.

Large dry wells: For large dry wells, the pit shall be lined with stone, brick, or concrete blocks laid up dry with open joints that are backed up with at least three (3) inches of coarse gravel. The joints above the inlet shall be sealed with cement mortar.

Dry well covers: A reinforced concrete cover shall be provided, preferably to within eight (8) inches of finished grade. If the cover is over thirty (30) inches square, it shall have an access manhole or a sectional cover.

Bottom of dry well: The bottom of the pit shall be filled with coarse gravel to a depth of one (1) foot.

Trees: When the dry well is located in close proximity to trees, it need not be lined. Instead, it may be filled with loose rock.

Size of dry well: The dry well shall be sized to receive storm runoff volumes in accordance with the provisions of Section P-803.0."

Section 3. Saving Clause. Nothing in this ordinance or in the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code adopted by this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. No right or remedy of any characters shall be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

Section 4. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance or of the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code adopted by this ordinance shall not invalidate any other section or provision of either.

Section 5. Short title. This ordinance, together with the BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code adopted by this ordinance, shall be known and may be cited as the "Plumbing Code of the Borough of Forest City."

Section 5. Repeal of Prior Ordinance. Ordinance 354, enacted September 4, 1979, and adopting a plumbing code, is repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council for the Borough of Forest City, this day of , 1984.

BOROUGH OF FOREST CITY

By: _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

Secretary

Examined and Approved this day of , 1984.

Mayor