

ORDINANCE NO. 77-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 1976 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, FOURTH PRINTING; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 50, 78 AND 75-5 OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, being marked and designated as the "Uniform Plumbing Code, 1976 Edition, Fourth Printing, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (formerly the Western Plumbing Officials Association)," be and the same is hereby adopted as the Plumbing Code of the City of Ridgecrest for the protection of the public health and safety, and requiring a permit for the installation or alteration of plumbing, gas, water, and drainage systems, placing responsibility for enforcement in the administrative authority, defining certain terms, establishing minimum regulations for the installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, gas, water, and drainage systems, and the inspection thereof; providing penalties for its violations; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of such "Uniform Plumbing Code, 1976 Edition, Fourth Printing, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials," on file in the office of the City Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Section 401, paragraph (b), page 35, Drainage Systems: The following is deleted from this section: PVC from drainage and waste systems as PVC can not be intermixed with ABS.

SECTION 3. Section 1213, paragraph (d), page 94, Installation of Gas Piping, is hereby amended to require 30" earth cover for P.V.C. gas piping.

SECTION 4. Whenever used in the Uniform Plumbing Code, the terms "Administrative Authority and Assistants" and/or "Plumbing Official" shall be construed to mean the duly appointed and acting Building Inspector of the City of Ridgecrest, his duly authorized representatives, or such persons as hereafter may be authorized by law to perform the duties now being performed by that official in the City of Ridgecrest.

SECTION 5. The Building Inspector of the City of Ridgecrest may make rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, not in conflict with the provisions hereof, to facilitate the enforcement and administration of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall not be construed as imposing on the City of Ridgecrest or its officers or employees any liability for damage resulting from defective plumbing work; nor shall the City of Ridgecrest or any of its officers or employees be held to assume any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized hereunder.

SECTION 7. (a) The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans and specifications shall not be deemed or construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code. No permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code shall be valid, except insofar as the work or use which it authorizes is lawful.

(b) The issuance of a permit upon plans and specifications shall not prevent the Building Inspector from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans and specifications or from preventing construction operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this code or of any other ordinances or from revoking any Certificate of Approval when issued in error.

(c) Every permit issued by the Building Inspector under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitation and become null and void, if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 60 days from the date of such permit, or if work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 120 days. Before such work can be recommenced a new permit shall be first obtained to do so.

SECTION 8. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or said code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance or code. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Ridgecrest hereby declare that they would have passed said Ordinance and code, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, sub-sections, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Code adopted herein shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), or by imprisonment for a period of not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person, firm or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which any violation of any provisions of this Ordinance or said code is committed, continued or permitted by such person, firm or corporation and shall be punishable therefor as provided by this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. That Ordinance Nos. 50, 78 and 75-5 of the City of Ridgecrest are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 1977, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Edwards, Councilmembers Chieze, Green, Karlberg and Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.



TED B. EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE C. REED, CITY CLERK