

Job Description

Title: Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Supervision: Works under the administrative direction of the Building Inspector. Performs highly responsible tasks of a complex and technical nature involving the exercise of judgment and initiative in ensuring the enforcement of applicable codes and regulations.

Hours/Compensation: Inspector is paid \$45 per inspection.

Benefits: As this position is a contracted position no Town benefits, including health care and retirement are offered.

Job Environment: Some work is performed under typical office conditions; some work is performed in the field under varying conditions with exposure to the hazards associated with construction sites and varying weather conditions. Makes frequent contact with builders, contractors, homeowners, gas fitters, town officials and employees and the general public.
Errors could result in danger to public safety.

Responsibilities:

The essential duties and responsibilities listed include the minimum requirements for the position. This position includes additional duties that are a natural progression from that position's essential duties. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the responsibility of the employee in the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

- Reviews and approves plans of proposed plumbing & gas fitting installations; issues permits for approved installations; oversees collection of fees and maintains associated records.
- Inspects plumbing & gas fitting installations to ascertain compliance with applicable codes and regulations and maintains associated records.
- Investigates complaints of improper installations and takes appropriate measures to correct undesirable conditions as required.
- Interprets plumbing & gas fitting regulations; provides information and technical assistance to contractors, homeowners, plumbers and other interested parties regarding proper design and installation.
- Administrative and inspection work in connection with the enforcement and interpretation of applicable codes relating to plumbing; all other related work as required.

Recommended Minimum Qualifications:

Education & Experience: High school graduation with vocational training in plumbing installation and five years of progressively responsible experience as a plumber, or any equivalent combination of education and experience and vocational training in gas fitting installation and five years of progressively responsible experience as a gas fitter, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. REQUIRED by the state to attend

12 hours yearly of continuing education courses (2- 4hr seminars set up by the state and 4 additional hours through the Berkshire County Plumbers and Gas Inspectors Association)

Knowledge, Ability and Skill: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of plumbing installations and gas fitting installations. Ability to deal appropriately with the general public, town departments, contractors, gas fitters and other members of the building community. Must be licensed by the Commonwealth as a journeyman plumber and journeyman gas fitter. Must possess a Class III Driver's License. Minimal physical effort required when performing functions under typical office conditions; moderate to strenuous physical effort required periodically in the field. Frequently required to stoop, bend and reach. Physical agility required to access plumbing installations. Frequently required to spend extended periods of time walking or standing.