

Regulation 4-2023

REGULATION ADOPTING REVISED LOCAL FEES FOR PLUMBING AND MEDICAL GAS

The Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District met in regular session on October 9, 2023, with the following members present:

Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D., President	<u>Present</u>
Dan Meloy, Vice President	<u>Present</u>
James Brett	<u>Present</u>
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.	<u>Present</u>
Mark A. Rippe	<u>Present</u>

Ms. Puthoff moved for adoption of the following regulation:

Regulation 4-2023 adopting revised fees pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 3709.09 and 3709.21 for plumbing installations.

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District has the authority pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 3709.09 and 3709.21 to establish a uniform system of fees for services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District is mandated to provide services that protect the public health and prevent disease; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District permits and inspects all plumbing and medical gas installations within jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District has determined it is necessary to revise the fees for plumbing installations; and

WHEREAS, any entity that would be affected by the revision to the fees for plumbing installations were advised by the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District at least twenty (20) days prior to the October 9, 2023 hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District hereby adopts Regulation 4-2023, revising the local fee schedule as follows for plumbing installations, effective November 1, 2023:

Minimum Permit Fee	\$60.00
Additional Fixtures	\$21.00
Water Heater Replacement	\$60.00

Registration

The one (1)-year registration fee for medical gas, plumbing and specialty contractor shall be \$100.00 and shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the registration was completed.

The three (3)-year registration fee for medical gas, plumbing and specialty contractor shall be \$300.00 and shall expire on December 31 during the third year for which the registration was completed.

Plumbing Permits

- a. A minimum fee of \$60.00 dollars shall pertain to all new and replacement fixtures and shall include one fixture.
 - i. For each additional fixture, an additional fee of \$21.00 dollars per fixture shall apply. For purposes of this section, air admittance valves, dishwashers, garbage disposals, water heaters, floor drains and hub drains shall be classified as fixtures.
 - ii. New residential house plumbing permits can receive up to four inspections per permit. Any additional plumbing inspections required will be charged \$60.00 per inspection.
 - iii. Remodel on a residential house: plumbing permits can receive up to three inspections per permit. Any additional plumbing inspections required will be charged \$60.00 per inspection.
 - iv. A replacement fixture including a water heater replacement permit shall receive one inspection per replacement. Any additional plumbing inspections required will be charged \$60.00 per inspection.
- b. The fee for sewer connections or any other single trip requiring a plumbing inspection not otherwise listed shall be \$60.00 per site visit. A sewer connection inspection shall include the observation of the abandoned household sewage treatment system and the connection to the public sanitary sewer.
- c. The fee for sewer and water line permits shall be \$60.00 per line and includes one inspection up to and including 250 feet.
 - i. There shall be a \$1.00 charge assessed for every ten feet of line installed which exceeds 250 feet.
 - ii. There shall be a \$60.00 charge per additional inspection required for any required reinspection.
- d. The fee for re-inspections shall be \$60.00 per site visit.
- e. The fee for each testable backflow device shall be \$25.00 for a new permit, acquired device or annual test.
- f. The fee for retaining a plumbing inspector onsite to offer inspections as needed, after hour inspections or emergency inspections shall be \$60.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum. All time shall be billed in fifteen-minute intervals and will include inspector drive time. After hours inspections will include inspections that occur between 4:30 PM and 7:30AM.

- g. The late fee for all installations that are installed without obtaining a permit shall be charged at a rate equal to two times the total permit fee. The payment of the penalty does not relieve the contractor or homeowner from the responsibility for full compliance of the Hamilton County Public Health Plumbing Rules and Regulations.
 - i. In cases in which a plumbing repair is required to maintain water and sewage services and to prevent further structure damage for an occupied dwelling, work may commence prior to obtaining a permit. When work does begin prior to obtaining a permit, an application shall be filed with HCPH within 72 hours from the start of the work. All work shall remain exposed so that a proper inspection may occur by a plumbing inspector.
 - ii. In cases in which a plumbing repair is required to maintain water and sewage services and to prevent further structure damage for an occupied dwelling, work may commence prior to obtaining a permit. When the job requires that work areas be covered, the contractor or homeowner is required to file for an emergency inspection before covering any portion of the work area.
- h. In instances in which the owner wishes to transfer their permit, the fee shall be fifty percent of the original permit fee or \$100.00, whichever is the lesser.
- i. The fee for extending a permit shall be \$60.00.

Medical Gas

- a. Plan reviews for medical gas shall be \$250.00. In addition, there shall be a \$250.00 permit processing fee applied to all medical gas applications.
- b. All medical gas systems shall be charged \$100.00 per medical gas system and \$10.00 per outlet for each system.
 - i. Permits with a cost of \$2,000 or less shall not exceed four inspections. Additional inspections shall be charged at a rate of \$75.00 per site visit.
- c. The fee for any other single trip requiring a medical gas inspection not otherwise listed shall be \$75.00 per required site visit.
- d. The fee for re-inspections shall be \$75.00 per site visit.
- e. The fee for a medical gas special limited permit shall be \$100.00 which shall cover the cost of one inspection. These are reserved for medical gas installations which do not require plan review.
 - ii. If additional inspections are required, they shall be charged \$75.00 per site visit.
- f. The fee for retaining a medical gas inspector onsite to offer inspections as needed, after hour inspections or emergency inspections shall be \$75.00 per hour with a

two-hour minimum charge. All time shall be billed in fifteen-minute intervals and will include inspector drive time. After hour inspections will include inspections that occur between 4:00 PM and 7:30AM.

- g. The late fee for all installations that are installed without obtaining a permit shall be charged at a rate equal to two times the total permit fee. The payment of the penalty does not relieve the contractor from the responsibility for full compliance of the Hamilton County Public Health Plumbing Rules and Regulations.
 - iii. In cases in which a medical gas repair is required to maintain service or for safety of an occupied dwelling, work may commence prior to obtaining a permit. When work does begin prior to obtaining a permit, an application shall be filed with our office within two business days from the start of the work. All work shall remain exposed so that a proper inspection may occur by a medical gas inspector.
 - iv. In cases in which a medical gas repair is required to maintain service or for safety of an occupied dwelling, work may commence prior to obtaining a permit. When the job requires that work areas be covered, the contractor or homeowner is required to file for an emergency medical gas inspection before covering any portion of the work area.
- j. In instances in which the owner wishes to transfer their medical gas permit, the fee shall be fifty percent of the original permit fee or \$200.00, whichever is the lesser.
- k. The fee for extending a permit shall be \$50.00.

Refunds

- a. Refunds initiated by the customer or contractor for a plumbing fee or a medical gas fee shall be assessed a minimum processing charge of \$10.00 or ten percent of the total fee, whichever is greater.
 - i. The processing charge shall be applied directly as a reduction of the amount to be refunded to the customer.
 - ii. Refunds shall only be issued to the individual or company that made the purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District hereby finds by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members that this regulation be read only once and the requirement that it be read on three different days be dispensed with as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previous regulation, rule or policy adopted by the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District, that in any way conflicts with this regulation in part or in whole is rescinded and repealed in part or in whole to the extent of any conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District that the regulation be published in one newspaper of general circulation within the Hamilton County General Health District once a week for two consecutive weeks and that the first publication take place no later than ten (10) days prior to the effective date of the regulation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this regulation were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirement, including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Meloy seconded the regulation, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D., President	<u>Yes</u>
Dan Meloy, Vice President	<u>Yes</u>
James Brett	<u>Yes</u>
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.	<u>Yes</u>
Mark A. Rippe	<u>Yes</u>

Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District

Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D.
Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D., President

Date

Attest:

Greg Kesterman
Greg Kesterman, Health Commissioner

10/9/2023
Date

This regulation was approved as to form by the office of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa A. Powers, Prosecutor.

By:

Nee Fong Chin
Nee Fong Chin
Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

10/9/2023
Date

