

**Hamilton County General Health District
PUBLIC HEARING – BOARD OF HEALTH
June 9, 2025 – 3:45 p.m.
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

At 3:45 p.m. Dan Meloy, President, called to order the public hearing of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Dan Meloy, President
Eric Knapp
Max Miller

District Staff Present: Greg Kesterman, Health Commissioner
Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner
Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Greg Varner, Finance Officer
Alison Babka, Public Information Officer

Guests Present: None

3. Presentation of Proposed Revisions to Local Plumbing Rules and Regulations and Fees for Plumbing Installations

Assistant Health Commissioner Craig Davidson presented the proposed revisions for local plumbing rules, regulations, and fees for plumbing installations. Mr. Davidson outlined the proposed changes. The current local plumbing rules and regulation were adopted by the Board of Health on May 12, 2014. The proposed revisions were reviewed with the Director of Plumbing and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Chin.

In summary, the recommended revisions include clearer and more concise wording and minor formatting changes. Revisions include updates to or removal of reference to other codes and regulations that are no longer applicable. The revisions also integrate details from the current plumbing and medical gas fees regulation. Mr. Davidson also reviewed the proposed plumbing fee schedule table. No price changes were recommended; the fees were just placed into a newly formatted table. Public notice was made via an email to the Cincinnati Master Plumbers Association, posting in the *Enquirer* and through direct email to all currently registered contractors. No public comments were received.

Mr. Knapp asked a question regarding the time increments to examine different regulations. Mr. Davidson and Commissioner Kesterman noted that many Ohio rules require a five-year period to review. Commissioner Kesterman added that staff internally would review the different regulations and update the Board of Health accordingly.

Mr. Miller asked a clarifying question regarding language in the regulation related to plumbing bonds and suggested a slight modification to the language may be beneficial. Commissioner Kesterman stated that the amendment can be included as part of the Board motion adopting the new regulation.

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. **Adjournment**

Mr. Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye



Dan Meloy, President



Greg Kesterman, Secretary
Health Commissioner