

1 Introduced November 18, 2003, by Councilman
2 Binder, seconded by Councilwoman Burkhalter
3 (both by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 03-11-2379**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 3157**

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8 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter
9 7 Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 2 Administration, and other matters
10 pertaining to the City Permit Department.

11 WHEREAS, certain Code provisions relating to testing and licensure of
12 various trades are obsolete due to State testing and licensure; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State has adopted new building codes; and

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16 WHEREAS, the duties of the Permits Department have greatly expanded
17 over the years.

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19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does
20 hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell as follows:

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22 Section 7-21 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

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24 **“Sec. 7-21. Building Codes Adopted.**

25 (a) The International Building Code published in cooperation with Building
26 Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., International Conference of
27 Building Officials, and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. 2000
28 Edition, with the exception of Chapter 1, Sub-Section 105.2 Work Exempt from
29 permit, Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems, but including Appendixes A, C, E and F and
30 any subsequent amendments and revisions is hereby adopted as the Building Code
31 for the City of Slidell.
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4 (b) The International Residential Code published in cooperation with Building
5 Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., International Conference of
6 Building Officials, and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. 2000
7 Edition, including Appendixes A, C, E and F and any subsequent amendments and
8 revisions is hereby adopted as the Building Code for the City of Slidell.”
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12 Section 7-46 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
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14 **“Section 7-46. Adopted.**

15 (a) The International Mechanical Code published in cooperation with Building
16 Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., International Conference of
17 Building Officials, and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. 2000
18 Edition and any subsequent amendments and revisions is hereby adopted as the
19 Mechanical Code for the City of Slidell.
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22 (b) Scope.

23 The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or
24 limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design,
25 installation, quality of materials, use and maintenance of all air conditioning,
26 heating, mechanical, refrigeration and ventilating systems. No provision of this code
27 shall be held to deprive any federal or state agency of any power of authority which
28 it had on the effective date of this code or of any remedy there existing for the
29 enforcement of its orders. Where in any specific case different sections of this code
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4 specify different materials, methods of installation or other requirements, the most
5 restrictive shall govern.

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7 (c) Board members.

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9 There is hereby created a board of air conditioning, heating, mechanical,
10 refrigeration and ventilation. The board shall consist of six members: The building
11 official, one mechanical inspector, one licensed building contractor, two licensed air
12 conditioning and heating contractors, and one layman. At the first board meeting the
13 members shall elect a chairman and any other necessary officers. The board shall
14 meet once each quarter of the calendar year.

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17 (d) Appointment and term of office.

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20 With the exception of the city building official, all other members of the board
21 shall be appointed by the city council upon the recommendation of the city building
22 official. The city building official and mechanical inspector shall serve throughout
23 their term of employment with the city. The four other members shall be appointed
24 for staggered terms of five years. If a vacancy occurs otherwise than by an
25 expiration of a term, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.
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27 Members may be reappointed by the city council. Each of the board members shall
28 be a resident of the Parish of St. Tammany. His membership shall automatically be
29 vacated if he moves outside the limits of the parish. Any member may be removed
30 for cause by the city council. In addition, the chairman of the board may remove any
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4 member who has missed three regularly scheduled meetings in one calendar year
5 without a valid reason.

7 (e) License fees, expiration, renewal; and inactive license.

9 (1) The yearly renewal fee for a license shall be \$50.00 due by March 1 of
10 each calendar year.

12 (2) Penalties for not renewing a license by March 1 of each year are as
13 follows:

- 15 a. Board review of license holder.
- 17 b. Renewal penalty of \$200.00 during the first year of nonrenewal unless
18 the board determines that extenuating circumstances prevented
19 timely renewal.
- 21 c. If not renewed within the first year of expiration, the license holder
22 must retake the examination in order to receive a license renewal.

24 (3) Display of license.

- 26 a. Every licensed ACHMRV person, firm, company or corporation shall
27 identify all his service and installation vehicles with the name of the
28 company, telephone number, and city license number. The letters
29 shall be at least two inches in height on both sides of the vehicle.
- 31 b. Every job being conducted requiring a permit shall have displayed a
32 sign plainly visible from the street. The sign shall have displayed on it
33 the company name, telephone number, and city license number. This
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4 sign shall not be placed in the right-of-way. The letters on the sign
5 shall be at least two inches in height.
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7 (f) Exclusion of existing license.
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9 Any person having a class A gasfitters license can install a gas heating
10 system without the ACHMRV license, but the system must conform to this code and
11 pass the inspection thereof. Installation of expansion ceils, refrigerant lines and
12 condensing units requires an ACHMRV license.
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15 (g) It shall be unlawful to proceed with the installation of any ACHMRV system,
16 with the alteration or extension of such a system, or the connection to such a
17 system of any appliance without having previously obtained a permit from the city.
18 Applications for permits shall be made in person or in writing to the city, giving such
19 information as may be required to show that the work will be performed in
20 accordance with the provisions of this code. It shall be the duty of the mechanical
21 inspector to see that the work which is being done and which required a permit
22 under the provisions of this code is authorized by such a permit, and where such
23 work is being done without a permit, to promptly stop all such work and report the
24 fact to the city hall. Any person or firm installing new or replacing existing air
25 conditioning, mechanical, refrigeration, or heating system must be licensed by the
26 ACHMRV board and shall file a request for a permit and pay fees as stated.
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4 (h) Permits not required.

5 Normal maintenance and repair required on ACHMRV shall not require a
6 permit so long as responsibility for the work is assumed by the owner or person
7 performing the work. However, in all cases the work shall be performed by a person
8 so licensed to do so in the city.

9 (i) Before a person shall proceed with a ACHMRV installation or repair, he
10 shall file a request for a permit with the city and pay the following fees which are
11 due and payable upon application for permits.

12 (j) These fees shall cover all inspections of the work for which a permit is issued,
13 as well as the issuance of the certificate of approval. If, however, the inspector is
14 forced to make an additional trip or trips to the work by reason of the fact that the
15 work is not ready for inspection at the time he calls in compliance with the notice
16 hereinabove referred to, then an additional special inspection fee, as indicated,
17 shall be paid for each trip so made.

18 (k) Permits and inspection fees.

19 On new or existing commercial structures, the permit fee shall be one percent
20 of the ACHMRV contractor's contract with a minimum of \$50.00. If in the opinion of
21 the building official, the valuation of the ACHMRV contract appears to be
22 underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant
23 can show detailed estimated costs which meet the approval of the building official.
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4 On new or existing residential structures, the permit fee shall be \$50.00 for
5 any single-family dwelling. For more than one-family dwelling (such as duplex or
6 multifamily dwelling), the permit fee shall be \$50.00 per dwelling.
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9 Any change out of air conditioning or heating system, the permit fee shall be
10 \$30.00. For change out of both condenser and heater, the permit fee shall be
11 \$50.00.
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14 All fees must be paid prior to the issuance of any permit, and it is unlawful to
15 do any work prior to securing the necessary permit.
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17 (l) Notification.

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19 Two inspections are required: Rough-in and final completion. Upon each
20 phase of completion of the installation of ACHMRV system, the alteration or
21 extension of such a system, or the connection of such a system of any appliance, it
22 shall be the duty of the license holder or his designated representative to notify by
23 phone, in person, or in writing the ACHMRV inspector who shall inspect the same
24 within forty-eight (48) hours of the time such notice shall have been given,
25 Saturday, Sunday and holidays not included.
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30 (m) Referred reinspection.

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32 When any part of or all of a mechanical installation is condemned by the
33 inspector, the owner, within five days after receiving written notice thereof, may file
34 a petition in writing, for a review of such action, with the inspector. Upon receipt of
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4 such petition, the inspector shall proceed at once to reinspect the installation and
5 determine whether or not the mechanical installation conforms with this code.
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7 (n) General reinspection.
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9 If, upon inspection, any dangerous installations are discovered, a written
10 notice shall be served on the owner or occupant to have same corrected in
11 accordance with the requirements of this code. On failure of the owner or occupant
12 to comply with such notice, the inspector shall have the authority to give written
13 notice to the utility company to cut off or disconnect utility services, or otherwise
14 cause the operation to be discontinued, until the defects are corrected.
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17 (o) Certificate of Approval
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19 If such installation, alteration, extension or connection shall be found to be
20 fully in compliance with the provisions of this code, and all electrically controlled
21 appliances have been inspected and approved, the city shall issue to such person a
22 certificate of inspection and approval. This certificate shall be taken as evidence
23 that the work has been done and completed in accordance with the provisions of
24 this code.
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27 (p) Revocation of license.
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29 Any licenses granted under this code may be revoked by the city council if the
30 holder of the license violates any ordinance or law relating to the rules and
31 regulations or is guilty of any act or in any installation work which is dangerous to
32 life or property, or for transferring or allowing directly or indirectly persons, firms or
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4 corporations other than the lawful holder to operate or to obtain permits to do work
5 under such license, provided the holder of the license be found guilty of such
6 violations by the board.
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9 (q) License reissued.

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11 When a license is revoked, a new license will not be granted to the same
12 person for a period of 30 days or more, nor until such person shall have corrected
13 the faulty work or other violations of these regulations. Licenses will be reissued
14 after the applicant has taken an examination and paid the fees required for the
15 original license.
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19 The board shall have discretionary power to withhold the granting of a new
20 license subsequent to revocation of the original license for cause, for a period not to
21 exceed three calendar months.
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24 (r) Appeal.

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26 Appeal from the decision of the board for the revocation of a license may be
27 taken within 30 days to the city council.”

28 Sections 7-75, 7-76, 7-77 and 7-79 are hereby repealed.

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30 Section 7-112 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

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32 **“Section 7-112. Fuel Gas Code Adopted.**

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34 The International Fuel Gas Code published in cooperation with Building Officials
35 and Code Administrators International, Inc., International Conference of Building
36 Officials, Southern Building Code Congress International and American Gas
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4 Association 2000 Edition and any subsequent amendments and revisions is hereby
5 adopted as the Fuel Gas Code for the City of Slidell.”
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7 Sections 7-116, 7-117, 7-118 and 7-120 are hereby repealed.
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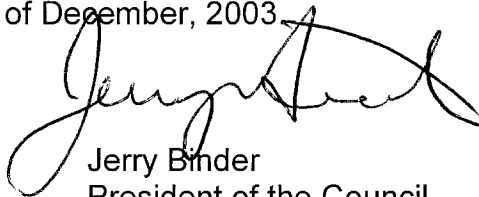
9 Sections 2-96 and 2-105 are hereby amended to replace “Dept. of Permits” and
10 “Department of Permits”, respectively with “Department of Building Safety”.
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12 In addition, the term “Department of Permits” or “Permits Department”,
13 wherever those terms appear in the Code, shall be replaced with the term “Department of
14 Building Safety”.
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19 **ADOPTED** this 16th day of December, 2003.

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22 **DELIVERED** 11:00 a.m.
23 to the Mayor

24 12/19/03



Jerry Binder
President of the Council
Councilman, District B

25 **RECEIVED** 2:30 p.m.
26 12/22/03 from the Mayor



Ben O. Morris
Mayor



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32 Clerk of the Council
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