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Council Bill No. 113094

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3/7/00 Hold - Disc  
4/4/00 Pass as  
4/10/00 Full

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Date Introduced:	FEB - 7 2000	
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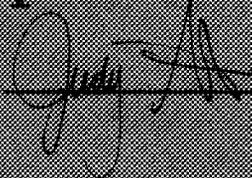
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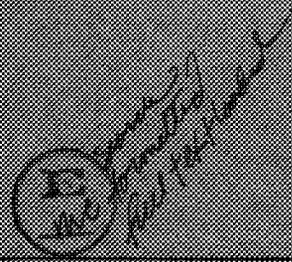
## Committee Action:

3/7/00 Hold - Discussion  
4/4/00 Pass as amended 3-0 (JN, PS, MP)  
4/10/00 Full Council passed 8-0 (PS excused)

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2           A.      It is unlawful to engage in the installation, alteration, extension, or repair of gas  
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5                 2.      Those who have engaged in the business of gas piping installation, alteration,  
6 extension or repair for twelve months or more immediately preceding the passage of the  
7 Ordinance codified in this Chapter may continue to engage in that business for a period of  
8 six months following the effective date of this Ordinance; and

9                 3.      Property owners may install, alter, extend or repair gas piping at property  
10 owned by them without obtaining a license required by this Chapter. Property owners may  
11 install, alter, extend or repair gas piping in residential property owned by them comprised of  
12 no more than four dwelling units if the owner will occupy one of the units as his or her  
13 principal residence. Property owners' regular employees may install, alter, extend or repair  
14 gas piping at the owners' property, provided the employee has worked for the owner for at  
15 least one year. A gas piping permit is required whether or not a license is required.

16           B.      It is unlawful to hire or contract with a person to install, alter, extend or repair gas  
17 piping who is not a licensed gas piping mechanic or an unlicensed gas piping worker  
18 according to Section 6.235.040.

19           C.      It is unlawful for any person to knowingly:

20                 1.      Prevent or attempt to prevent any licensed gas piping mechanic from  
21 performing any act required to be performed by this Chapter; or

22                 2.      Require or attempt to require any licensed gas piping mechanic to perform  
23 any act prohibited by this Chapter.

24           D.      It is unlawful to fail to abide by a stop work order issued by the Director of the  
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27           **6.235.040      Unlicensed gas piping workers.**

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4           A. Affidavits or declarations made pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085 signed by the applicant and  
5           employer(s) documenting that the applicant has one of the following:

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8                           b. An unlicensed worker under the supervision of a gas piping mechanic; or

9                           c. A combination of 1a and 1b ; or

10                   2. At least six months of full-time experience as:

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16                   3. A valid plumbers license;

17           B. Picture identification; and

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32           extend, or repair gas piping with a gas piping mechanic's license that is more than 90 days  
33           beyond its renewal date.



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3 Any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may be revoked by the Director of the Health  
4 Department upon recommendation of the Board if any of the following is found:

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30 Any person aggrieved by a decision about revocation or reinstatement of a gas piping  
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15 **6.235.120 Reciprocity.**

16 The Health Department may establish procedures for recognizing gas piping mechanic  
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18 A person licensed in a jurisdiction outside the State of Washington must obtain a gas  
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22 **6.235.130 Penalties.**

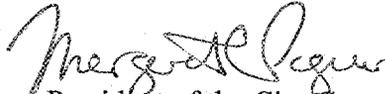
23 Conduct made unlawful by this Chapter constitutes a crime subject to the provisions of  
24 Chapter 12A.02, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or by imprisonment for a term  
25 not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.  
26

27 **Section 2.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The  
28 invalidity of any particular provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision.  
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1 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its  
2 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days  
3 after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.  
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5 Passed by the City Council the 10 day of April 1999, and signed by  
6 me in open session in authentication of its passage this 10 day of April,  
7 1999.

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9 President of the City Council

10 Approved by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, <sup>2000</sup>~~1999~~.

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12 Paul Schell, Mayor

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14 Filed by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999. 2000.

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16 City Clerk  
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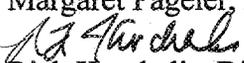
# City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

## Department of Design, Construction and Land Use

R. F. Krochalis, Director

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 20, 2000  
**To:** Margaret Pageler, President – Seattle City Council  
**From:**   
Rick Krochalis, Director

Contact Staff: Maureen Traxler  
Code Development Analyst Supervisor

**RE:** Licensing of Gas Piping Mechanics

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance establishing a requirement for licensing of gas piping mechanics. The requirement is modeled after a program that has been used successfully in the City of Spokane for many years. The City of Tacoma recently began a similar program; other jurisdictions are considering beginning them.

The purpose of the licensing requirement is to reduce the risks associated with poor gas piping installations. Poor workmanship on gas piping creates the potential for explosions or “rapid expansion”, and for exposure to harmful gas. Plumbing inspectors report instances of gas piping installed by workers with no experience or supervision. The plumbing inspectors have also observed instances where they find numerous leaks in a single building. As a side benefit, the inspectors hope the licensing requirement may reduce the number of call-back inspections.

The licensing program will be a joint effort of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health and DCLU. Gas piping installation and repair work is regulated by the Seattle Mechanical Code, and is inspected by the Health Department’s plumbing inspectors. The offices of the Chief Plumbing Inspector and the plumbing inspectors assigned to the City of Seattle have been located next to DCLU’s inspectors since 1997. For the gas piping licensing program, DCLU will administer the examinations and issue licenses. The Health Department will check for licenses when doing the usual gas piping inspections. Follow-up enforcement will be handled within DCLU’s compliance inspection processes. The cost of administering the examinations and licenses will be covered by fees, which were included in DCLU’s 2000 budget legislation. The cost of verifying that workers are licensed will be covered by the gas piping permit fee.

This ordinance requires licensing of gas piping mechanics working in the City only; the requirement may be extended to King County in the future. It requires that anyone doing any installation, alteration, extension or repair of gas piping have a license issued by the City. Applicants for licenses are required to have a minimum amount of experience working under the



supervision of a licensed mechanic or a combination of experience and education. They will be required to pass an examination once and pay an examination fee of \$20.00. Licenses must be renewed annually for a fee of \$45.00.

A Gas Piping Advisory Board is established to assist the Departments with developing and administering the examination, and to develop reciprocity procedures to recognize licenses from other Washington jurisdictions. The Board will also be available to hear appeals on decisions related to the licensing ordinance. Both the Health Department and DCLU will be ex officio members of the Board. Board members will be appointed by the Health Department.

The market for natural gas in Seattle is expanding. We have had an application for a multifamily residential building with natural gas—the first in decades. The building would have individual meters for each dwelling unit, which is a relatively complex installation with many gas regulators.

We estimate that we will license approximately 500 gas piping mechanics. In 1999, gas piping permits were issued to 106 different companies. The types of companies that do gas piping work include installers of water heaters, furnaces, ranges and fireplace inserts, as well as plumbing contractors. We have discussed the licensing program with the larger contractors, Puget Sound Energy, the Pipe Trades Council, the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association and with individuals who are potential members of the Board. No one has raised any objections to the program. A representative of the Pipe Trades Council has agreed to sit on the gas piping advisory board.



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4 six months following the effective date of this Ordinance; and

5           3.     A homeowner may perform gas piping installation, alteration, extension, or  
6 repair as long as:

- 7           a.     The home in which they perform the work is their personal residence; and  
8           b.     They have obtained a gas piping permit from the Health Department.

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30 City Clerk

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which amount has been paid in full.

*N. Peterson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
04/28/00

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
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A. It is unlawful to engage in the installation, alteration, extension, or repair of gas piping without first obtaining a gas piping mechanic license from DCLU except:

1. Unlicensed gas piping workers pursuant to Section 6.235.040.

2. Those who have engaged in the business of gas piping installation, alteration, extension or repair for twelve months or more immediately preceding the passage of the Ordinance codified in this Chapter may continue to engage in that business for a period of six months following the effective date of this Ordinance; and

3. Property owners may install, alter, extend or repair gas piping at property owned by them without obtaining a license required by this Chapter. Property owners may install, alter, extend or repair gas piping in residential property owned by them comprised of no more than four dwelling units if the owner will occupy one of the units as his or her principal residence. Property owners' regular employees may install, alter, extend or repair gas piping at the owners' property, provided the employee has worked for the owner for at least one year. A gas piping permit is required whether or not a license is required.

B. It is unlawful to hire or contract with a person to install, alter, extend or repair gas piping who is not a licensed gas piping mechanic or an unlicensed gas piping worker according to Section 6.235.040.

C. It is unlawful to for any person to knowingly:

1. Prevent or attempt to prevent any licensed gas piping mechanic from performing any act required to be performed by this Chapter; or

2. Require or attempt to require any licensed gas piping mechanic to perform any act prohibited by this Chapter.

D. It is unlawful to fail to abide by a stop work order issued by the Director of the Health Department.

### 6.235.040 UNLICENSED GAS PIPING WORKERS.

An unlicensed gas piping worker shall, at all times, work under the direct supervision of a licensed gas piping mechanic. A licensed gas piping mechanic may supervise a maximum of one unlicensed gas piping worker on a jobsite.

### 6.235.050 APPLICATIONS FOR MECHANIC LICENSES.

Applications for gas piping mechanic licenses shall be made to DCLU on a form provided by the department accompanied by the following:

A. Affidavits or declarations made pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085 signed by the applicant and employer(s) documenting that the applicant has one of the following:

1. At least 12 months of full-time experience as:

a. A gas piping mechanic;

b. An unlicensed worker under the supervision of a gas piping mechanic; or

c. A combination of 1a and 1b; or

DCLU shall administer a written examination to applicants for gas piping mechanic licenses and shall issue a license to applicants who successfully complete the examination and pay the license fee specified in Section 6.235.060. DCLU may examine any applicant for a renewal of a license and the Health Department may require reexamination of any gas piping mechanic at any time there is evidence of negligence or incompetence.

### 6.235.070 LICENSE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

All licenses shall expire on May 31 of each year. Licenses may be renewed annually upon payment of the license fee. If more than one year has elapsed since the expiration of the license, the examination shall be retaken. A gas piping mechanic shall not install, alter, extend, or repair gas piping with a gas piping mechanic's license that is more than 90 days beyond its renewal date.

### 6.235.080 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

Any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may be revoked by the Director of the Health Department upon recommendation of the Board if any of the following is found:

1. The licensee has misrepresented facts related to installation, alteration, extension or repair of gas piping;

2. The licensee has provided false information on an application for a gas piping license or gas piping permit;

3. The licensee fails an examination administered according to Section 6.235.060; or

4. There are special circumstances that warrant revocation in the interests of public safety and welfare.

### 6.235.090 GAS PIPING ADVISORY BOARD.

There shall be a Gas Piping Advisory Board for the purpose of advising the Health Department on:

1. Revocation of licenses;
2. Appeals of licensee revocations;
3. Written examination;
4. Code interpretations and overview;
5. Reinstatement of revoked licenses; and
6. Procedures for licensing of gas piping mechanics.

The Board shall consist of five voting members appointed by the Director of the Health Department: one member representing gas piping mechanics, one member representing gas piping contractors, one member representing the gas utility, one member representing gas piping manufacturers, and one member representing the general public. Representatives of the Health Department and DCLU shall serve as non-voting members of the Board. The Board shall elect a chair and a secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

### 6.235.100 APPEALS.

Any person aggrieved by a decision about revocation or reinstatement of a gas piping license or an interpretation of this Chapter may appeal by filing a written petition to the Board. Appeals shall be heard by the Board no later than 30 days after receipt of such petition. The burden shall be on the appellant to introduce evidence showing that the decision or interpretation was in error.

Recommendations of the Board shall be in writing, shall be mailed to the Health Department and the appellant, and shall apply only to the case being heard. The Health Department shall make a final decision in writing and mail it to the appellant.

### 6.235.110 INSPECTIONS AND STOP WORK.

Licenses shall have their license card available while performing gas piping installation, alteration, extension or repair and shall present the card prior to or at the time of inspection of the installation, alteration, extension or repair at the request of the Director of the Health Department. If the Director of the Health Department finds any gas piping installation, alteration, extension, or repair is being done in violation of Section 6.235.030, the Director may issue a stop work order.

### 6.235.120 RECIPROCITY.

The Health Department may establish procedures for recognizing gas piping mechanic licenses issued by other jurisdictions in the State of Washington.

A person licensed in a jurisdiction outside the State of Washington must obtain a gas piping mechanic license pursuant to this Chapter prior to engaging in the business of installing, altering, extending, or repairing gas piping.

### 6.235.130 PENALTIES.

Conduct made unlawful by this Chapter constitutes a crime subject to the provisions of Chapter 12A.02, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any particular provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 10 day of