

(a) The Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County may create a Caroline County Plumbing Board to consist of five members. One of the members shall be a licensed master plumber residing in Caroline County and shall be appointed annually by the County Commissioners. A second member shall be one of the County Commissioners to be named by them from time to time. The three remaining members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners from residents of the county. No member of the board shall receive any compensation for his services.

(b) The members of the board shall appoint an inspector of plumbing who shall receive such compensation as may be fixed from time to time by the County Commissioners.

(c) The Plumbing Board shall establish a system of rules and regulations including the establishment of fees for inspection permits and licenses. They shall submit these rules and regulations to the County Commissioners for adoption. Any specifications made by the board in the rules and regulations adopted by it shall not exceed those established by the State Plumbing Code. Prior to the adoption of any rules and regulations, they shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in each of the Caroline County newspapers. The Board of Commissioners shall provide for a public hearing on any proposed rules and regulations in order to obtain the benefit of public views and opinions thereon prior to their final adoption. The Commissioners shall publish notes of the time and day of the hearing, together with a copy of the proposed rules and regulations.

(d) The rules and regulations so adopted shall not apply to any property owner who installs or works on his own plumbing system, except that such installation shall be subject to permit and inspection regulations. The connecting of such a system to a public water system or public sewer system must be done by a master plumber [or by the owner or the agent of the owner of such sewer or water system].

(e) The violation of any regulation of the Board shall be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) for each day said offense shall continue.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

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