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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Section 19-1. Gas Code Adopted.

The International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 edition, one (1) copy of which is, and has been on file in the Office of the City Council Clerk for more than fifteen (15) days, is hereby adopted as the official Gas Code of the City.

(Code 1986, § 19-1; Ord. No. 9362, § 1, 5-8-90; Ord. No. 9654, § 105, 1-6-92; Ord. No. 10173, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 10675, § 1, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 1, 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12274, § 1, 8-4-09; Ord. No. 12603, § 1, 5-29-12)

Section 19-2. Appendices to the Code Adopted.

The following appendices to the International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 edition, and as further amended in this chapter, are hereby adopted as part of the official Gas Code of the City.

- Appendix A – Sizing and capacities of gas piping.
- Appendix B – Sizing of venting systems.
- Appendix C – Exit Terminals, et al.

(Ord. No. 9362, § 2, 5-8-90; Ord. No. 10173, § 2, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 10675, § 2, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12274, § 1, 8-4-09; Ord. No. 12603, § 2, 5-29-12)

Section 19-3. Amendments to Code Adopted.

The following sections and appendices of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 edition, are

¹ **Charter reference**--General authority to provide for health and the abatement of nuisances, § 2.1(4).
Cross references--Building regulations, Ch. 10; civil defense, Ch. 13; electricity, Ch. 14; energy, Ch. 15; fire and police departments, Ch. 16; fire prevention, Ch. 17; plumbing, Ch. 27; water and gas mains, § 31-266 et seq.

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hereby amended, as hereinafter provided:

- 1) Section 101.1 and 101.2 are deleted in their entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be know as the International Fuel Gas Code hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

Section 101.2 Scope. This code shall apply to the installation of fuel-gas piping systems, fuel-gas utilization equipment and related accessories in accordance with Sections 101.2.1 through 101.2.5.

Exceptions: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

- 2) Section 106.1 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

106.1 When required. Any properly licensed contractor who desires to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an installation regulated by this code, or to cause such work to be done, shall first make application to the code official and obtain the required permit for the work.

Exception: Where equipment replacements and repairs are required to be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day of the Department of Inspection.

- 3) Section 106.3 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.3 Application for permit. Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the code official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the properly licensed contractor. The application shall indicate the proposed

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occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, if any, not covered by the building or structure and shall contain such other information required by the code official.

- 4) Sections 106.5.3 and 106.5.4 are deleted in their entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.5.3 Expiration. Every permit issued by the code official under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of such permit, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be recommenced, a new permit shall be first obtained.

Section 106.5.4 Extensions. Any permittee holding an unexpired permit shall have the right to apply for an extension of the time within which the permittee will commence work under that permit when work is unable to be commenced within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The code official shall extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding 180 days if there is reasonable cause. No permit shall be extended more than once.

- 5) Section 106.6.2 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.6.2 Fees. All fees are set forth in § 19-36 of the Chattanooga City Code and shall be non-refundable.

- 6) Section 106.6.3 is deleted in its entirety.

- 7) Sections 108.4 and 108.5 are amended by deleting said sections in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

108.4 Violation penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair plumbing work in violation of the approved construction

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documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a municipal offense subject to a fine assessed as a general penalty under Chattanooga City Code § 1-8. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the code official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine assessed as a general penalty under Chattanooga City Code § 1-8.

- 8) Section 109. Means of Appeal, is amended by deleting said Section in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 109. Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

The Construction Board of Appeals for the Building, Electrical, Fire, Fuel Gas, Life Safety, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes of the City of Chattanooga as established by Section 2-625, Part II, Chattanooga City Code, shall act as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for appeals from any decision of the Building Official or his designee and consider variances of the technical codes as provided in this Code.

- 9) Section 310. Electrical Bonding 1B amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 310.1.1 CSST. Corrugated stainless steel tubing

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(CSST) gas *pip*ing systems shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system. The bonding jumper shall connect to a metallic pipe or fitting between the *point of delivery* and the first downstream CSST fitting. The bonding jumper shall not be smaller than 4 AWG cooper wire or equivalent. Gas piping systems that contain one or more segments of CSST shall be bonded in accordance with this section.

(Code 1986, § 19-2; Ord. No. 9362, § 3, 5-8-90; Ord. No. 10173, § 3, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 10675, § 3, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 3, § 7, 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12603, § 3, 5-29-12)

Sec. 19-4. Violations of code a misdemeanor; penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of the code adopted by this chapter, or any revisions thereof or any amendments thereto, or failing to comply with its provisions or doing anything prohibited by its provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in section 1-8 of this Code for each offense. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(Code 1986, § 19-3)

Sec. 19-5. Liabilities not affected.

This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the city any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the inspector, the department of public works, or any official, employee or authorized assistants thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder, or the certificate of an approval issued by the inspector.

(Code 1986, § 19-4)

Sec. 19-6. Purpose, scope; compliance with code.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standard provisions and requirements for safe installation of consumers' gas piping and gas appliances. All such gas piping and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits of the city shall conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the specifications, rules and regulations of the gas code adopted by section 19-1 of this chapter, exclusive of the jurisdiction of the fire prevention bureau.

(Code 1986, § 19-5; Ord. No. 10675, § 4, 3-10-98)

Secs. 19-7 – 19-10. Reserved.

(Code 1986, §§ 19-6 – 19-9; Ord. No. 10675, § 4, 3-10-98)

Sec. 19-11. Unlawfully turning gas on or reconnecting.

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It shall be unlawful for any person except an authorized agent or employee or a person engaged in the business of furnishing or supplying gas, and whose pipes supply or connect with the particular premises, to turn on or reconnect gas service in or on any premises when and where gas service is not at the time being rendered. It shall be also unlawful to turn on or connect gas on or in any premises unless the proper inspection has been made as provided for in this chapter.
(Code 1986, § 19-10)

Sec. 19-12. Responsibility for violations due to changed conditions.

Should any change in operating conditions be made following the installation, the owner shall be responsible for any violations of this chapter or other ordinances that may result therefrom.
(Code 1986, § 19-11)

Secs. 19-13 – 19-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS²

Sec. 19-26 – 19-32. Reserved.

(Code 1986, §§ 19-26 – 19-32; Ord. No. 10675, § 5, 3-10-98)

Sec. 19-33. Reinspecting existing piping and equipment.

The gas inspector shall make or cause to be made a reinspection of an existing gas piping installation and equipment whenever he deems it necessary in the interest of the public safety.
(Code 1986, § 19-33)

Sec. 19-34. Condemnation of defective piping and equipment.

If a gas piping system or any equipment or appliance upon reinspection is found to be defective and/or unsafe, the gas inspector shall revoke all permits or certificates of approval in effect at the time relating to such system, and the use of the system or the particular equipment shall be discontinued until the defect or defects therein have been corrected and made to conform to this article.
(Code 1986, § 19-34)

Sec. 19-35. Certificates of approval.

² Cross reference--Businesses, trades and occupations, Ch. 11.

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The gas inspector shall attach to the system a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which a permit under this article has been issued, if after inspection it is found that such work complies with the provisions of this Code.

(Code 1986, § 19-35)

Sec. 19-36. Fees.

(a) For the examination of an application for a permit for any construction, reconstruction, installation, reinstallation or alteration or repair covered by this chapter, the inspection division shall collect, at the time of issuing such permit, for the use of the city, fees as follows, based on B.T.U. input:

For Issuing Permit	\$35.00
Less than 125,000 B.T.U. per hour, each object	\$10.00
125,000-less than 250,000 B.T.U. per hour each object	\$10.00
250,000-less than 400,000 B.T.U. per hour each object	\$20.00
400,000-less than 1,000,000 B.T.U. per hour each object	\$25.00
1,000,000-less than 5,000,000 B.T.U. per hour each object	\$30.00
Over 5,000,000 B.T.U. per hour each object	\$35.00

In cases where more than five (5) objects in any category above are to be installed on one installation, the first five (5) objects will be at the maximum base cost for each. Additional objects will be at the rate of \$5.00 each.

(Ord. No. 12357, § 1, 3-2-10)

(b) Reference to more than one (1) object covers the installation of furnaces or boilers and gas burners together or more than one (1) unit or combination in a given overall installation.

(c) These fees apply to all installation of circulators, boilers, gas burners, conversion gas burners, furnaces, combination of boilers and gas burners and stacks, or any other gas burning equipment except as hereinbefore excluded. The permit fees shall be paid to the inspection division prior to the approval of plans for such installations by the inspector or his representatives.

(d) Where installation of gas piping or appliances is commenced before a permit is obtained, the permit fees shall be doubled; provided, however, that, in case of emergency repair, work

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may be done; provided, further, that the necessary permits therefor must be obtained the following work day.

(Code 1986, § 19-36; Ord. No. 12357, § 1, 3-2-10)

Secs. 19-37 – 19-50. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. GAS FITTERS AND INSTALLERS³

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 19-51. Purpose of regulations.

In the interests of the public health, safety and welfare the following provisions for the licensing and regulation of those engaged in gas fitting and installation are adopted.

(Code 1986, § 19-51)

Sec. 19-52. Liabilities not affected.

This article shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any party owning, operating, controlling or installing any gas piping, devices, appliances or equipment for damage to persons or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the city be held as assuming liability by reason of the examination authorized herein or the license and certificate issued as herein provided.

(Code 1986, § 19-52)

Sec. 19-53. Violations, penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall upon conviction be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.

(Code 1986, § 19-53)

Secs. 19-54 – 19-65. Reserved.

³ Cross references--Electricians, § 14-31 et seq.; plumbers, § 27-21 et seq.

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DIVISION 2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS⁴

Sec. 19-66. Established.

There is hereby created and established a board of gas fitters examiners of the city.
(Code 1986, § 19-66)

Sec. 19-67. Composition; appointment; oath.

The board created by this division shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Before entering upon their duties each member of such board shall take and subscribe to an oath to faithfully and fairly discharge his duty, without fear, favor or partiality, and to the best of his ability.

(Code 1986, § 19-67; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92; Ord. No. 12588, § 1, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-68. Terms of members.

Members of the board created by this division shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected. However, should a member of the board not be reappointed at the time his term expires, he shall continue to serve as a board member until he is re-appointed or until his successor is appointed by the mayor and city council.

(Code 1986, § 19-68; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92)

Sec. 19-69. Qualifications of members.

The seven (7) members of the board created by this division shall consist of:

- (1) A mechanical engineer holding a degree from a recognized college and licensed as an engineer by the state.
- (2) A member of the mechanical contracting industry.
- (3) A journeyman gas fitter with at least five (5) years of experience.
- (4) An employee of the Chattanooga Gas Company with at least five (5) years' experience in the design and supervision of gas fitting and installations.
- (5) A representative of the general public not connected with the gas industry.

⁴ **Cross references--**Board of examiners of electricians, § 14-46 et seq.; board of examiners of plumbers, § 27-36 et seq.

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(6) An educator or teacher, with related technical background.

(7) A representative of the general public that is connected with the gas or plumbing industry.

(Code 1986, § 19-69; Ord. No. 12588, § 2, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-70. Officers.

As soon as practical after the appointment and qualification of the members of the board created by this division, they shall meet and organize by selecting one (1) of their members to be the chairman of the board, one vice-chairman, and one secretary unless that position is provided by staff of the building inspection office.

(Code 1986, § 19-70; Ord. No. 12588, § 3, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-71. Removal of members; compensation; quorum.

Any member of the board created by this division may be removed for cause at any time by the city council after ten (10) days' written notice. Such board shall serve without compensation. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Code 1986, § 19-71; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92)

Sec. 19-72. Regular meetings.

The board created by this division shall hold meetings semi-annually in March and September, for the examination of applicants to determine their knowledge of the rules and regulations for the installation of gas piping devices, appliances and equipment as set forth in the statutes of the state, this code and other ordinances of the city and the International Gas Code; to issue licenses and certificates therefore; to determine the general qualifications and fitness of each applicant for executing the class of work covered by the license applied for and for the transaction of other business.

(Code 1986, § 19-72; Ord. No. 11722, § 4, 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12588, § 4, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-73. Appeals from.

Any person aggrieved by any action or decision of the board created by this division shall have the right of appeal to the board of adjustments and appeals by requesting an appeal in writing and by lodging such request with the Chief Building Official of the city within ten (10) days after such action or decision.

(Code 1986, § 19-73; Ord. No. 12588, § 5, 5-1-12)

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Sec. 19-74. Special meetings.

Special meetings of the board created by this division may be called by the chairman upon forty-eight (48) hours' written notice to each member.
(Code 1986, § 19-74)

Sec. 19-75. Records to be open to inspection.

Records of the meetings of the board created by this division, including the names of all licensees, shall be open for inspection by the public at all reasonable times and a complete record of the results of every examination shall be kept on file by the Board in compliance with the Records Retention Manual adopted by the City Council pursuant to T.C.A. 10-7-702.
(Code 1986, § 19-75; Ord. No. 12588, § 6, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-76. Regulations authorized; printing.

The board created by this division may promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent with this article, and in such event shall have such rules and regulations printed for distribution. (Code 1986, § 19-76)

Secs. 19-77 – 19-85. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY⁵

Sec. 19-86. Application, examination required; nature of application.

(a) *Application:* All persons now or hereafter desiring to engage in gas fitting and installation in the city, either as a master gas fitter or as a journeyman gas fitter, shall apply, in writing, to the secretary of the board created by division 2 of this article for a certificate of competency and shall appear in person before such board and submit to an examination relative to their qualifications as a master gas fitter or a journeyman gas fitter. The examinations for master gas fitter shall be different from that for journeyman gas fitter. Such examinations shall be reasonable and especially thorough so as to obtain from the applicant an understanding of the extent of his knowledge of the subjects upon which he is questioned.

⁵ **Cross references--**Businesses, trades and occupations generally, Ch. 11; examination, licensing and certification of electricians, § 14-75 et seq.; certification of plumbers, § 27-56 et seq.

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(b) *Qualifications of journeyman gas fitter:* Any person shall be eligible for examination as a journeyman gas fitter who:

- (1) Has had three (3) years' practical experience as a registered apprentice gas fitter in the city; or
- (2) Has previously held an unrevoked journeyman gas fitter's certificate of competency in the city; or
- (3) Has a degree from an accredited school of engineering; or
- (4) Has had such experience in the construction and design of commercial, industrial or residential gas construction as shall be acceptable to the board.

Such applicant shall be examined by written examination upon the fundamentals of gas installation and construction, and the ability of the applicant to do practical gas installation and construction.

(c) *Qualifications of master gas fitters:* Any person shall be eligible for examination as a master gas fitter who:

- (1) Has had two (2) years' practical experience as a journeyman gas fitter in the city; or
- (2) Has held an unrevoked certificate of competency as a master gas fitter in the city; or
- (3) Has a professional engineer's license to practice mechanical or related engineering in the state; or
- (4) Has had such experience in the construction and design of commercial, industrial or residential gas construction as shall be acceptable to the board.

Such applicant for a master's certificate shall be examined, as an applicant for a journeyman's certificate is examined, and, also, upon his knowledge, training and ability in the planning, laying out and supervision of gas installation and construction work.

(Code 1986, § 19-86)

Sec. 19-87. Holding of examinations.

The city shall provide proper and adequate quarters for the meetings of the board created by division 2 of this article for the purpose of holding examinations. The city shall furnish an adequate file that can be locked for all books and records relating to the business of such board. No member shall open such file except in the presence of another board member.

(Code 1986, § 19-87)

Sec. 19-88. Examination to be written, records required.

Examinations given by the board created under division 2 of this article shall be written and a complete record of every examination, including the score of the applicant shall be kept on file by the board in compliance with the Records Retention Manual adopted by the City Council pursuant to T.C.A. 10-7-702.

(Code 1986, § 19-88; Ord. No. 12588, § 7, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-89. Passing examination; issuance of certificate.

Any applicant answering correctly seventy (70) percent of the questions asked in the examination shall be considered qualified and the board created under division 2 of this article shall issue to the applicant a certificate of competency, either as a master gas fitter or as a journeyman gas fitter, whichever the applicant may have applied for upon payment of the required fees. Such certificate of competency shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the board.

(Code 1986, § 19-89)

Sec. 19-90. Examination fees established.

An application for a journeyman gas fitter's certificate shall be accompanied by an examination fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and an application for a master gas fitter's certificate shall be accompanied by an examination fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(Code 1986, § 19-90; Ord. No. 11722, § 5, 7-26-05)

Sec. 19-91. Certification fees established.

Any person who has passed the examination by the board created under division 2 of this article and is otherwise qualified to engage in work as a master gas fitter or a journeyman gas fitter shall be issued a certificate of competency by the board upon payment of the following fee:

(1)	Master gas fitter.....	\$	100.00
	(per year or any part thereof)		
(2)	Journeyman gas fitter.....		10.00
	(per year or any part thereof)		
(3)	Retired or inactive Master gas fitter		25.00/year
(4)	Apprentice gas fitter		No Charge

(Code 1986, § 19-91; Ord. No. 12588, § 8, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-92. Disposition of fees.

The secretary of the board created under division 2 of this article shall make a report to the

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city treasurer of the amount of fees collected pursuant to section 19-90 or section 19-91 hereof, and shall pay the same into the city treasury within three (3) days after the collection thereof. All expenses incurred by such board shall be paid by the city treasurer from the fees collected. Any balance left in such fund shall be held by the city treasurer subject to the order of the city council, and in no event shall the board incur a greater expense than the amount collected in fees.
(Code 1986, § 19-92; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92; Ord. No. 12588, § 9, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-93. Expiration of certificates; renewal authorized.

Beginning on the date of passage of this Ordinance, all licenses issued by the Board shall be effective and renewed on a two year scheduled basis with the license expiring on the 30th day of June in odd numbered years following its date of issuance. Those whose license expires on June 30, 2012, shall be renewed for one (1) year. Beginning with the renewal due on June 30, 2013, all licenses issued by the Board shall renew every two (2) years in the odd numbered years. Each certificate of competency shall be renewable without further examination upon application of the holder within sixty (60) days after notice of the expiration date, and the payment of the two year fee set out above. Any applicant for a renewal who fails to make application and pay the required fee within sixty (60) days of notice may be required to take another examination by the board of examiners unless such applicant shows good and sufficient cause for the failure to make such application; provided that, if any licensee enters active service in the armed forces of the United States, the applicant shall be granted a renewal license upon an application after discharge from such service if such application is presented to the board within six (6) months following the date of discharge. The failure to renew any license before June 30th of the third year following expiration of a license will result in retesting.
(Code 1986, § 19-93; Ord. No. 12588, § 10, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-94. Review of renewal applications; statement required.

It shall be the duty of the board created under division 2 of this article to review all applications for the renewal of any certificate of competency and such board shall require that each applicant for renewal shall file a statement signed by the applicant that he has not misused his certificate and that he has abided by this Code and the ordinances of the city pertaining to the installing of any gas piping devices, appliances or equipment. If an applicant for renewal cannot honestly file such a statement, a full explanation of the reasons must accompany the renewal application in lieu of all or part of the required statement.
(Code 1986, § 19-94)

Sec. 19-95. Disapproval of renewal.

The board created under division 2 of this article may disapprove any renewal of a certificate of competency when the applicant has misused his certificate or has made any intentional misstatement in such application; provided, however, that, such board shall not disapprove any

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renewal until after the applicant has been accorded an opportunity to be heard after five (5) days' notice by registered mail or personal service of such a notice.
(Code 1986, § 19-95)

Sec. 19-96. Misuse of certificate.

It shall be as misuse of his certificate of competency for any holder thereof:

- (1) To obtain a permit directly or indirectly for another unless the certificate holder shall be the supervisor of all work covered by the permit; provided, however, that, supervisors of work as herein used, shall have the same meaning as set out in section 19-97 of this Code.
- (2) To receive from another any compensation wherein the sole consideration thereof is the obtaining of a permit.

(Code 1986, § 19-96)

Sec. 19-97. Holder of certificate to supervise work under certificate; duties specified.

Each certificate of competency issued in accordance with the provisions of this article shall specify the name of the person who passed the examination, who shall be known as the holder of the certificate, and as supervisor of all work done under the certificate. "Supervision of work" shall mean:

- (1) The certificate holder shall be available at least three (3) days per week during normal working hours at the holder's place of business located in the general metropolitan area of the city.
- (2) The business in which the holder is associated shall have a local office in the general metropolitan area of the city and a local phone listed under the name of the firm with whom he is associated.
- (3) The board created under division 2 of this article and the chief gas inspector shall be notified in writing of the name of the firm with whom the holder is associated.

(Code 1986, § 19-97)

Sec. 19-98. Certificate to be displayed; marking of vehicles.

Every holder shall keep his certificate of competency displayed in a conspicuous place in his principal place of business and shall identify any vehicles regularly used in the installation of gas piping and devices with his certificate number and his name or the name of the company with whom he is associated in letters and numerals not less than three (3) inches high on each side of such

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vehicles; any other vehicle used in the installation of gas piping, devices, appliances and equipment shall be likewise identified while being so used.

(Code 1986, § 19-98)

Sec. 19-99. Certificates not transferable.

No certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be assignable or transferable.

(Code 1986, § 19-99)

Sec. 19-100. Suspension, revocation of certificate.

Any certificate issued under this article may, after hearing, be suspended or revoked by the board of gas fitters examiners if the person holding the certificate willfully, or by reason of incompetence, violates any provision of state law, of this article or any ordinance relating to the installation, maintenance, alteration or repair of gas piping, devices, appliances and equipment; provided, however, the board shall not suspend or revoke any certificate until after the holder has been accorded an opportunity to be heard after five (5) days' notice by registered mail or personal service of such notice.

(Code 1986, § 19-100)

Sec. 19-101. Worker's compensation insurance required.

All license holders will comply with all workers compensation provisions for any employees which are required by the State of Tennessee at the time any work is performed and submit any evidence of workers compensation insurance that is required by the State of Tennessee before any license is issued.

(Code 1986, § 19-101; Ord. No. 12588, § 11, 5-1-12)

Sec. 19-102. Unlawful to do work without certificate.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than a holder of a certificate of competency as a master or journeyman gas fitter or a holder of a certificate of registration as an apprentice gas fitter to do any gas installation, repair, alteration or construction work in the city, or for any holder of a certificate of competency to employ as an assistant in any such work any person other than a holder of a certificate of competency, or the holder of a certificate of registration as an apprentice gas fitter, or for any holder of a certificate of competency to require a registered apprentice gas fitter to do any such installation, repair, alteration or construction work otherwise than under his direct supervision, or for any registered apprentice gas fitter to do any such installation, repair, alteration or construction work otherwise than while under the direct supervision of the holder of a certificate of competency, except for gas work done by persons engaged by any public service company in the laying, maintenance and operation of its service mains or lines, and the installation, alteration, adjustment,

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repair, removal and renovation of all types of appurtenances of the utility company's side of the meter.

(Code 1986, § 19-102)

Sec. 19-103. Application, examination required; exceptions.

(a) Persons engaging in the business of gas fitting and installation in territory annexed to the city as a master gas fitter whose principal business is gas fitting and installation and whose principal place of business has been located and maintained in the annexed territory for three (3) or more years next preceding the annexation of such territory may be exempted from taking the written examination required by this chapter. The board created under division 2 of this article is authorized to issue certificates of competency as master gas fitters to such persons who evidence a satisfactory knowledge of the fundamentals of gas fitting and installation, particularly with respect to the design, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of commercial, industrial and residential gas systems, and who shall also evidence a satisfactory knowledge of the laws pertaining to gas and gas fitting as regulated by this Code and the ordinances of the city governing same. Persons desiring issuance of certificates of competency as a master gas fitter under this section shall make application therefor to the board along with payment of the fees set out in this Code, within six (6) months after the date of the annexation of the territory within which their principal place of business is located.

(b) Persons engaging in the gas fitting and installation business in territory annexed to the city as a journeyman gas fitter who have been employed by a master gas fitter whose principal business is gas fitting and installations and whose principal place of business has been located and maintained in the annexed territory may be exempted from taking the written examination required by this chapter. The board created under division 2 of this article is authorized to issue certificates of competency as a journeyman gas fitter to such persons who evidence three (3) years' actual work experience as a gas fitter and who give satisfactory evidence of construction, design, installation, maintenance and repair of commercial, industrial and residential gas systems and the laws pertaining thereto as regulated by this code and the ordinances of the city governing the same and who shall also evidence a satisfactory knowledge of the fundamentals of gas fitting and practical knowledge of the installation, maintenance and repair of commercial, industrial and residential gas systems. Persons desiring issuance of a certificate of competency as a journeyman gas fitter under this section shall make application therefor to the board, along with payment of the required fees set out in this Code within six (6) months after the date of annexation of the territory within which their employer's place of business is located.

(Code 1986, § 19-103)

Sec. 19-104. Temporary certificates.

Anything in this article to the contrary notwithstanding, however, it shall be lawful for the board created under division 2 of this article to issue a temporary journeyman's certificate of competency to any applicant who shall have paid to the treasurer of such board an application fee of

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ten dollars (\$10.00), and holds a valid unrevoked journeyman's card issued by another municipality with similar journeyman gas fitter's requirements as this city, or who, in the opinion of such board, has the necessary qualifications of a journeyman. The temporary journeyman gas fitter's certificate of competency shall be valid only until the day the next journeyman gas fitter's examination is to be given. Furthermore, such board may revoke such temporary journeyman's certificate at any time and no more than one (1) temporary journeyman's certificate can be issued to any one (1) person. (Code 1986, § 19-104)

Sec. 19-105. Apprentice, registration.

Any person who shall apply for registration as an apprentice gas fitter upon a form provided for that purpose by the city, shall be registered as such by the board created under division 2 of this article without examination and without charge, and a certificate of registration as an apprentice gas fitter shall be issued to such applicant, without charge. (Code 1986, § 19-105)

Secs. 19-106 – 19-120. Reserved.

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Section 19-121. License required.

In order to protect the public safety, no permit shall be issued for the installation of any gas appliance except to a Master gas fitter licensed by the City of Chattanooga who has paid the privilege taxes required by the laws of the state, the county, and the city, is in good standing with the Board of Gas Examiners for the City, and other applicable ordinances of this City. (Code 1986, § 19-121; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92; Ord. No. 10675, § 6, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 6, 7-26-05)

Sec. 19-122. Revocation of license for violation.

In addition to being guilty of a misdemeanor, any person who violates or fails to comply with this chapter may have his license revoked. (Code 1986, § 19-122)

⁶ **Cross reference--**Businesses, trades and occupations generally, Ch. 11.