

## **GAS EXAMINERS**

(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 may be done; provided, further, that the necessary permits therefor must be obtained the following work day.  
(Code 1986, § 19-36)

**Secs. 19-37 – 19-50. Reserved.**

### **ARTICLE III. GAS FITTERS AND INSTALLERS<sup>3</sup>**

#### **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.**

#### **DIVISION 2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> **Cross references**--Electricians, § 14-31 et seq.; plumbers, § 27-21 et seq.

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

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**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 eight (8) 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)

**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 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) Chief city gas inspector.
- (3) A member of the mechanical contracting industry.
- (4) A journeyman gas fitter with at least five (5) years of experience.
- (5) An employee of the Chattanooga Gas Company with at least five (5) years' experience in the design and supervision of gas fitting and installations.
- (6) A representative of the general public not connected with the gas industry.
- (7) An educator or teacher, with related technical background.

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(8) A representative of the general public that is connected with the gas or plumbing industry.  
(Code 1986, § 19-69)

### **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, one secretary and one treasurer.  
(Code 1986, § 19-70)

### **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 on the **second Thursday in April and October**, 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 Standard Gas Code; to issue licenses and certificates therefor; 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)

### **Sec. 19-73. Appeals form.**

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 building inspector of the city within ten (10) days after such action or decision.  
(Code 1986, § 19-73)

### **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)

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**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.  
(Code 1986, § 19-75)

**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 COMPETENCY<sup>5</sup>

**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.

(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

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<sup>5</sup> **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.