

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2345-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 209, ENTITLED “PLUMBING STANDARDS”, SECTION 209-1 ENTITLED “TITLE; SCOPE”, SECTION 209-2 ENTITLED “MASTER PLUMBER’S LICENSE REQUIRED” AND SECTION 209-4 ENTITLED “LICENSED JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS” TO AMEND THE CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP PLUMBING CODE TO CLARIFY THAT A MASTER PLUMBER’S LICENSE OR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER’S LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY PERSON PERFORMING PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORK FOR A BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township (“Board of Commissioners) desires to clarify the requirements of using a master plumber or a licensed journeyman plumber for plumbing and drainage work within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

SECTION I. - Amendment to the Code

Chapter 209 entitled “Plumbing Standards”, Article I entitled “**General Provisions**” is hereby amended as follows:

- A. Existing Section 209-1 of the Cheltenham Township Code is deleted in its entirety.
- B. A new Section 209-1 entitled “**Title; Scope; Definitions**” is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 209-1. Title; Scope; Definitions.

- A. Short Title. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Cheltenham Township Plumbing Code.”
- B. Scope. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all Plumbing and Drainage Work for any building or structure located within the Township and to all drains, pipes and connections which empty into the sanitary sewer system or septic tanks of the Township.

- C. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the term “Plumbing and Drainage Work” shall include, but not be limited to, additions to; alterations of; repair, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sanitary sewer, drainage or similar piping including the main drain and/or lateral. “Plumbing and Drainage Work” shall not include the following:
1. Replacement of faucets;
 2. Removal and reinstallation of plumbing fixtures in the same location;
 3. Stopping leaks in a drain, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; or
 4. Clearing stoppages in pipes, valves or fixtures;
- provided work denoted in items 1-4 above is completed on or in valves, pipes or fixtures located within a structure and no pipes are replaced or rearranged. Any such work completed outside the structure shall be considered “Plumbing and Drainage Work,” with the exception of the repair or replacement of outside faucets, rain gutters, downspouts and similar drains conveying stormwater to a lawful disposal location.

SECTION II. - Amendment to the Code

Chapter 209 entitled “Plumbing Standards”, Article II entitled “General Regulations” is hereby amended as follows:

A. Existing Sections 209-2 and 209-4 of the Cheltenham Township Code are deleted in their entirety.

B. A new Section 209-2 entitled “Master Plumber’s License Required” is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 209-2. Master Plumber’s License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in Plumbing and Drainage Work without having first obtained a license from the Eastern Montgomery County Regional Testing Center or an examining board of any city, township or borough approved by Cheltenham Township or the Plumbing Inspector, as a master plumber. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the Township and shall set forth the name of the applicant, the names of the members of the firm, if a partnership, or the officers of the corporation, if incorporated, and the location or locations where the business of the applicant, if any, is to be conducted, together with any other information the Township may require.

C. A new Section 209-4 entitled “Licensed Journeymen Plumbers” is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 209-4. Licensed Journeymen Plumbers.

All journeymen plumbers duly registered and licensed to perform Plumbing and Drainage Work desiring to work in Cheltenham Township, holding a license granted by the Eastern Montgomery County Regional Testing Center or an examining board of any city, township or borough approved by Cheltenham

Township or the Plumbing Inspector, shall without further examination be entitled to perform Plumbing and Drainage Work in Cheltenham Township.

SECTION III. - Disclaimer

Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit, in any manner whatsoever, the Township's right to enforce any ordinance or law of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be a defense of any citation issued by any municipal corporation or the Commonwealth pursuant to any other law or ordinance.

SECTION IV. - Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any Section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION V. - Repealer

Any ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VI. - Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION VII. - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as soon after adoption as is permitted by law.


DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 19th day of **April, 2017**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Bryan T. Havir
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Morton J. Simon, Jr., President