

# CITY OF COHASSET

## ORDINANCE NO. THIRTY (30)

### REGULATING CUSTOMER INSTALLATION AND MODIFICATION OF NATURAL GAS RELATED PIPING WITHIN THE CITY OF COHASSET PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEM

The City Council of the City of Cohasset does hereby Ordain as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Cohasset does hereby authorize the construction and operation of a Natural Gas Distribution system to be owned by the City of Cohasset and operated as a Public Utility, subject to the rules and regulations set forth herein.
2. The City adopts as a material standards, for all modifications of installation of any system related to natural gas usage in homes and businesses, the National Fuel Gas Code.
3. Before any contractor is approved to work on natural gas related systems in homes and businesses, they must receive prior approval by the City of Cohasset and pay an annual permit fee. Additionally, said contractors must carry a Certificate of Insurance in favor of the City of Cohasset in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars/six hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00/\$600,000.00) to qualify.
4. The City shall provide the customer with a list of certified contractors that have been pre-approved to work on homes and businesses within the City. Work on natural gas related piping or systems by anyone other than an approved contractor is hereby prohibited. Property owners are not allowed to work on their own systems, unless a permitted contractor performs the tests shown in Item #5.
5. The contractors shall be required to perform the following tests on the system, once work is complete:
  - (a) Air pressure test;
  - (b) Air pressure of not less than 1.5 times the proposed maximum working pressure, but more than 3 pounds per square inch above the atmospheric pressure, for a period not less than 15 minutes. In case of concealed piping, the air pressure test must be used with pressure of not less than 6 pounds per square inch above the atmospheric pressure.
6. The City will provide the customer with an Affidavit that certifies that all materials used meet the requirements of the adopted standard and that the required tests are complete. The Affidavit must be submitted to the City executed by the customer, the contractor, and/or Superior Water, Light and Power before any meter is turned on. It is unlawful for any person to "turn on" gas at the meter into any new or modified system of gas piping, without completion and submission of the Affidavit to the City. The City or its operating agent only may "turn on" the gas for its customer.
7. The above rules will not apply to the installation of a domestic gas refrigerator, laundry dryer, mangle, or range being installed as a replacement, provided that the existing piping is not to be altered when connecting the appliance beyond using an approved connector between the appliance and the existing gas pipe outlet.

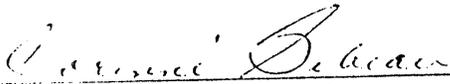
8. A violation of any of the terms of the above Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable with a maximum fine and jail sentence equal to that for misdemeanors in the State of Minnesota at the time of the offense.
9. The above ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1996.

CITY OF COHASSET  
BY:

  
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Jack Dowell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Corinne Gibeau, Deputy Clerk

Offered by: Jerry Randall

Seconded by: Barbara Lanum

For: Randall, Lanum, Evensen,  
Walker and Dowell

Against: None