

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the existing Section 4114.505 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4114.505 Minimum experience qualifications for a department-issued license.

(A) Home Improvement General Contractor License. The applicant for a home improvement general contractor license shall have a minimum of three (3) full years of “hands-on” installation experience in the one (1)-, two (2)-, and three (3)-family home improvement field.

(B) Home Improvement Limited Contractor License. The applicant for a home improvement limited contractor license in the following fields of specialization shall have a minimum of one (1) full year of “hands-on” installation experience in that field for which a license is applied for:

- (1) Residential roofing;
- (2) Residential siding, windows and doors;
- (3) Residential wood deck installation;
- (4) Residential basement waterproofing;
- (5) Residential prefabricated fireplaces and wood or coal stoves;
- (6) Residential masonry fireplaces;
- ~~(7) Residential aluminum siding installation;~~
- (8 ~~7~~) Residential fencing;
- (9 ~~8~~) Residential sidewalks and driveway approaches;
- ~~(10) Residential exterior lathing and stucco;~~
- ~~(11 ~~9~~) Residential swimming pool and spas;~~
- ~~(12 ~~10~~) Residential asphalt paving;~~
- ~~(13) Residential irrigation sprinkler.~~

(C) “Hands-on” experience shall be characterized by the active personal involvement of the applicant in the activity directly related to the type of license for which an application was made. Such active personal involvement shall have provided for the acquisition of practical experience, knowledge and mechanical aptitude in the physical installation, operation, control, adjustment, repair and maintenance of the specific trade or craft.

(D) Sewer Contractor License. The minimum of experience required for an applicant for a sewer contractor’s license shall be evidenced in writing and shall have been obtained in any of the following ways:

- (1) Two (2) consecutive full year’s experience under the supervision of a Columbus or other recognized jurisdiction’s licensed sewer contractor; or,
- (2) Three (3) cumulative, nonconsecutive full year’s experience under the supervision of a Columbus or other recognized jurisdiction’s licensed sewer contractor; or,
- (3) A current, valid license as a sewer contractor in another recognized city, county or state; or,
- (4) Two (2) full years’ experience working on sewer system(s).

(E) Journeyman Plumber License. The minimum of experience required for an applicant for a journeyman plumber license shall be as follows:

Have a minimum of five (5) full years’ experience in the plumbing trade installing building services plumbing systems and apparatus including potable water systems; or,
Completed a United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training (USDOL, BAT) certified plumbing apprenticeship program.

(F) ~~Alternatively, in~~ In lieu of the above requirements of Section (A), (B), or (C), ~~(D) or (E)~~ above, an applicant for ~~any~~ either a home improvement general contractor license or a home improvement limited contractor license may be:

(1) ~~An A engineer~~, registered design professional who holds a current and valid certificate as an architect or engineer as allowed under the Ohio Revised Code and who is in the specific field of work for the type of license for which application is made experienced in residential design and construction; or,

(2) A graduate architect or engineer, with at least one (1) full year's experience as a designer or installer in the specific field of work for the type of home improvement contractor license for which application is made.

(G) In lieu of the above requirements of Section (C), (D) or (E) above, an applicant for either a sewer contractor license or a journeyman plumber license may be:

(1) A registered professional engineer who holds a current and valid certificate issued under Section 4733.14 of the Ohio Revised Code in the specific field of work for the type of license for which application is made; or,

(2) A graduate engineer with at least one (1) full years' experience as a designer or installer in the specific field of work for the type of license for which application is made.

(H) Determination of a Full Year. A "full year" of experience, where required in sections (A) through (F) above, shall be based on twelve (12) consecutive calendar months during which the applicant shall have been gainfully and verifiably employed for not less than sixteen hundred (1600) working hours at the specific craft, trade or profession for which an application for a department-issued license has been made.

Section 2. That the existing Section 4114.505 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.