CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PLUMBING LICENSING TABLE DISCUSSION

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10 am – 11:30 am

City of SA DSD
1901 South Alamo Street
San Antonio, TX 78204

Presented by: Associated Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors

1. **Keep Licensing Local as similar to Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners current laws**
   a. Master Plumber License with option to carry endorsements
      i. Endorsements
         1. Medical Gas
         2. Water Supply Protection Specialist
         3. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler
   b. Journeyman Plumber License
   c. Tradesman Plumber License
   d. Apprentice Plumber License
   e. Plumbing Inspector with option to carry endorsements

2. **Testing**
   a. All License testing administered by a municipality-approved 3rd-party provider (i.e. PHCC- Texas and other trade association/union/private entities)
   b. Apprentice Plumbers obtain an Apprentices Card from an approved 3rd party provider to begin tracking on the job hours for Tradesman/Journeyman/Master license
   c. Recognize Department of Labor approved Plumbing Apprenticeship programs as a 3rd party provider
   d. Background Check requirements stipulated by the Municipality and provided by a 3rd party
   e. Endorsement including Medical Gas, Water Supply Protection Specialist, and Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler will be administered by a 3rd party municipality approved provider.
   f. Two Pathways for Testing:
      i. Department of Labor Approved Plumbing Program
         1. Tradesman Plumber License: Years 1 & 2 curriculum and 4000 OJT hours and passing Tradesman Exit Exam
         2. Journeyman Plumber License: Years 1,2, 3 & 4 curriculum and 7000 OJT hours schooling and passing Journeyman Exit Exam
         3. Master Plumber License: Completion of Journeyman Plumber License and an additional 2000 OJT hours, and passing Master Exit Exam
      ii. Non-Department of Labor Approved Plumbing Program
         1. Tradesman Plumber License:
            a. 4000 OJT hours signed by Master Plumber
            b. Online/Written Tradesman Test by approved 3rd party provider
            c. Hands On Skill Mastery Test (option to be taken as Tradesman or Journeyman)
2. Journeyman Plumber License:
   a. Tradesman Plumber License
   b. 8000 OJT hours signed by Master Plumber
   c. Online/Written Test by approved 3rd party provider
   d. Hands on Skills Mastery Test (if not taken or passed for the Tradesman License)

3. Master Plumber License:
   a. Journeyman Plumber License
   b. 16,000 OJT hours signed by Master Plumber
   b. Online/Written Test by approve 3rd party provider

4. CEUS
   All Plumbing License levels and Inspectors required to complete a minimum of 4 hours of CEU
   provided by a third party municipality- approved provider

5. Reciprocity Between Municipalities
   PHCC encourages all municipalities to incorporate same criteria to eliminate contractors taking
   multiple tests and fees

6. Keep it Simple
   3rd party approved providers need municipality- approved certifications
   3rd party provider host database with plumbers’ licenses and testing status for
   Municipality access/verification

6. Fees
   PHCC supports fees at municipality to be similar to current cost of the Texas State Board of
   Plumbing Examiners fees

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PLUMBING LICENSING PATHWAYS

**DOL Program**
- 2 years (4,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam
- Tradesman License
- 2 Years (7,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam
- Journeyman License
- 1 Year (2,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam
- Master Plumber License
- Total Hours: 9,000 Hrs

**Non DOL Program**
- 2 years (4,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam/Hands On Test*
- Tradesman License
- 2 Years (8,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam
- Journeyman License
- 4 Years (8,000 Hrs)
- Written Exam/Hands On Test*
- Master Plumber License
- Total Hours: 16,000 Hrs

*Source: PHCC-San Antonio Plumbing Licensing Pathways/HBT