



# THE VOICE OF THE LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Master Plumber's Council membership meets once a month, exclusive of the summer months. I have been in attendance for almost 20 years. After the April 2011 meeting one member came up to me and said this was the most "DYNAMIC" meeting he has ever attended. I took his comment under advisement and while driving home that night I concluded that we have definitely turned the page as far as our member's perception of the Master Plumbers Council. The discussion of the website and all its potential is what drove that member to use his dramatic phrase. I am pleased to inform the industry that the website ([www.nycmpc.org](http://www.nycmpc.org)) is up and running thanks to the committee's tireless efforts. The positive energy emanating from the committee is contagious and I hope members and our industry partners will not hesitate to contribute articles and information to the website. It is a work in progress so be sure to continuously check-in to see what new information has been added. Please contact Janene Meyerowitz, Executive Director if you have any input you would like to share with us.

On May 4, 2011 the membership had its monthly meeting. Our guest speaker was Shawn Jones from the Department of Buildings. The attendance was positive and the session informative. We welcome him anytime to speak to the general membership. Having a source that you can go to for REAL INFORMATION is valuable to the NYC Licensed Master Plumber. The Master Plumbers Council provides that source of information. I received a letter from a non-member who was complaining about the Department of Buildings violating and fining him for a specific infraction of the NYC Plumbing Code. If he was a member of the Master Plumbers Council he would have a source for the information necessary to prevent or fight these issues imposed upon him. I urged that NYC License Plumber to join the Master Plumbers Council and assist in the flow of knowledge back and forth to the membership.

Have a safe, healthy and great summer to all our members and their immediate families. May the industry continue to grow and work together!

***John J. Sideris***

President

Master Plumbers Council

## SAVE THE DATE

The Master Plumbers Council will hold its first Dinner Cruise on August 27, 2011

Aboard the World Yacht Line with sightseeing around New York City.

Contact Elyse Jaeger for details at [ejaeger@nycmpc.org](mailto:ejaeger@nycmpc.org).



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## JUNE 22, 2011

**Leonard's of Great Neck  
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1:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

National Grid, Master Plumbers Council, Con Edison, PHCC & ACCA are proud to announce our Annual Educational and Energy Efficiency Trade Expo.

As in past years this event is open to all trade groups involved in the residential and commercial markets. The Expo will feature educational workshops with BPI and continuing education credits. Our trade show area will showcase the latest energy efficiency, energy saving and ENERGY STAR® products in the heating, lighting, insulation, building industries and much more.

Also take advantage of networking opportunities during the Northern Italian style buffet dinner.

Don't miss out on this great event!

**Advance registration will close June 10, 2011.**

**To sign-up, complete Registration Form and \$25 Payment Per Person**

If space permits, walk-ins will be welcomed at \$35pp the day of event.

To register and for more information, visit:

[www.nycmpc.org/2011expo](http://www.nycmpc.org/2011expo)

### Timeline of Events:

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Registration for Classes and Vendor Section
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Various training classes - Advanced sign-up required
3:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Trade Show Open to Attendees
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Passed hors' d'oeuvres in the Vendor Section
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Various training classes - Advanced sign-up required
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner Reception and Networking Opportunities

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April 27, 2011

RE: Failure to Comply with Title 15, Chapter 20 Requirements

Dear

NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) records indicate that **you are in violation of §20-07(c) of Title 15, Chapter 20 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY) for failure to submit the necessary plumber's certification or affidavit (tap card certification) confirming water service line installations that were performed under your permits** Our records indicate violations of this nature, which are listed in the attached sheet for each borough. If you have any questions regarding the attached list, please contact the corresponding DEP Borough Records Office. You must provide proof of submission for any addresses you believe should be removed from the list.

**Please be advised that DEP will begin strict enforcement of the requirements of RCNY starting June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** If all outstanding violations for tap card certification submissions are not corrected by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, DEP will begin denying approvals and permits as stated in §20-01(c) of RCNY:

"If a Licensed Master Plumber or meter repair company fails to comply with three (3) or more provisions, standards or requirements of these Rules, or the terms and conditions of any permit already issued under these Rules, during a three (3) month period, the Commissioner or his/her designee, in accordance with §24-309 of the Administrative Code, may make a determination not to issue additional permits from applications submitted from such Licensed Master Plumber or meter repair company until such time as all the violations or non-compliances are corrected".

**After the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, those with remaining violations must submit tap card certifications at a minimum rate of 50 per week in order to remain eligible for permits and approvals.**

Please be advised that the Environmental Control Board is authorized to and may impose fines between \$250 and \$1000 for failure to comply with the Rules and that the violation counts tallied by DEP will include other potential delinquencies in addition to tap card certifications (i.e. meter permits).

You must address the attached list of delinquencies to become compliant with RCNY. In order to become compliant, you must submit the tap card certifications in one of the following ways:

- **Electronically via the Water and Sewer Permitting System (WSPS):** Currently, tap cards certifications connected to online permits, as well as paper permits can be submitted through the Water and Sewer Permitting System (WSPS). To register to use WSPS, the registration form must be signed, sealed, notarized, and hand delivered by the Licensed Master Plumber to DEP's Main Office (59-17 Junction



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Blvd, Flushing, NY 11373). More information on WSPS including the registration form, training materials on how to use the system and the new tap card form can be found at:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms\\_and\\_permits/wsps\\_online\\_filing.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms_and_permits/wsps_online_filing.shtml)

- **In paper format, in person at DEP Borough Record Offices. If you choose to submit in paper format, be advised that starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, all tap card certifications must be submitted on the Tap Card Form (The Tap Card Form will replace the affidavit currently submitted as of that date). All of the fields (information) on the Tap Card Form must be completed.**

DEP will be hosting information sessions and WSPS Registrations sessions at DEP's Headquarters (High Rise, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, 59-17 Junction Blvd, Flushing NY, 11373) at the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Tuesday, May 17 at 10am
- Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Tuesday, May 31 at 10am
- Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

If you would like to register for one of these sessions or would like more information about the policies and procedures contained in this letter please contact the WSPS support line at 718-595-3088 or by email at [wsps@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:wsps@dep.nyc.gov). Please bring a completed WSPS registration form if you would like to be registered at one of these sessions. Also, please check the DEP's Water and Sewer Forms webpage for posted updates: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms\\_and\\_permits/water\\_sewer.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms_and_permits/water_sewer.shtml).

Very truly yours,

James A. Luke, P.E., Chief  
Division of Permitting & Inspection

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### NOTICE

**NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) Technical Policy and Procedure Notice (TPPN) # 3/07, NYC Building Code 3306.9, and Local Law 60 of 2009 (which amended the sprinkler requirements of BC 3306.9 ) established the requirements and procedures to be taken by the registered design professional in relation to an application for the removal of a sprinkler system in connection with demolition or gut rehabilitations.**

**TPPN #3/07 outlined specific procedures that the design professional must follow to process variance requests for the removal of sprinkler systems in relation to demolition or partial demolitions or gut rehabilitations. Such requests shall be filed with the NYC Buildings Department as an Alteration Type II and include a complete report from the professional describing the extent of the damage and attesting to why the system cannot be restored.**

**In cases where the the NYC Department of Buildings Plan Examiner requires a Fire Department review, all submissions to the Department must include a complete set of the documents reviewed by the DOB, any Notice of Objection and shall be made on the applicable form: a TM-1 for plan and/or document review and a BFP/ MOD for a variance or modification to the Fire Code.**

**The forms are available on the FDNY website or by using the following links:**

**(Variance or Modification):**

**[http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire\\_prevention/modification\\_variances.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire_prevention/modification_variances.pdf)**

**(Plan and/or document review)**

**[http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire\\_prevention/otmb\\_tm\\_1.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/fire_prevention/otmb_tm_1.pdf)**

**Related documents:**

**NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) TPPN 3/2007:**

**<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/tppn0307.pdf>**

**Local Law 60 of 2009:**

**<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/ll60of2009.pdf>**

## NYC BUILDINGS • SERVICE UPDATES • APRIL 2011

Effective January 1, 2011 Local Law 56 will amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York in relation to preventing water waste in buildings.

### AMENDMENTS TO LAW:

1. The New York city plumbing code is amended by adding two new definitions:
  - A. Water Meter:** A device that measures the flow of water supplied from a public water main to a building.
  - B. Water Sub-Meter:** A device, other than a water meter, that measures the flow of water within a specified space and/or to specified equipment within a building.
2. Water distribution pipe lines serving an evaporative cooling tower, swimming pool, or certain commercial high water use facilities shall be equipped with at least one water sub-meter. Such water sub-meters shall be from a list published by the Department of Environmental Protection.
 

**NOTE:** Please consult the *Guide to Water Submeters* published by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection located on their website: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/customer\\_managers/index.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/customer_managers/index.shtml)
3. All roof tanks shall be equipped with a high water level alarm designed to prevent accidental overflow of the tank.
4. Makeup water lines to boilers serving more than six stories shall be equipped with at least one water sub-meter. Such water sub-meter shall be equipped with an electronic encoder with absolute or pulse-based output.

For complete information regarding these changes please see:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/l156of2010.pdf>

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