

## CHAPTER 3.08

## PLUMBING CODE

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**3.08.010 ADOPTION OF UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE AND UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE STANDARDS.** The 2021 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, including appendices A, B and I and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, except Chapters—12 and 14 thereof and those requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code relating to venting and combustion air of fuel fired appliances as found in chapter 5 and those portions of the code addressing building sewers, as now adopted or hereafter amended by the State of Washington, is hereby adopted by Benton County and all plumbing hereafter installed, altered, repaired, added to, used or maintained shall be done in conformity with the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, except as expressly provided herein.

[Ord. 100 (1974) § 1; Ord. 124 (1977) § 3; Ord. 139 (1980) § 2; Ord. 162 (1983) § 1; Ord. 192 (1986) § 1; Ord. 239 (1993) § 1; Ord. 273 (1996) § 1; Ord. 326 (1998) § 1; Ord. 396 (2004) § 3; Ord. 450 (2007) § 1; Ord. 476 (2010) § 1; Ord. 528 (2013) § 1; Ord. 576 (2016) § 1; Ord. 630 (2021) § 1; Ord. 651 (2024) § 1]

**3.08.035 FEES.** Plumbing permit fees shall be in the amount established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. [Ord. 139 (1980) § 4; Ord. 162 (1983) § 3; Ord. 192 (1986) § 3; Ord. 239 (1993) § 3; Ord. 273 (1996) § 2]

**3.08.070 ADMINISTRATION.** The Benton County Building Department shall have responsibility for the administration of this chapter and shall appoint an inspector or inspectors who shall be responsible for all inspections required by the 2021 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards. [Ord. 100 (1974) § 9; Ord. 124 (1977) § 7; Ord. 134 (1977) § 7; Ord. 139 (1980) § 10; Ord. 162 (1983) § 6; Ord. 192 (1986) § 6; Ord. 239 (1993) § 5; Ord. 396 (2004) § 4; Ord. 450 (2007) § 2; Ord. 476 (2010) § 2; Ord. 528 (2013) § 2; Ord. 576 (2016) § 2; Ord. 630 (2021) § 2; Ord. 651 (2024) § 2]

**3.08.080 REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person, firm or corporation shall engage in any installation, removal, alteration, relocation, replacement or repair of any plumbing or drainage system, or any part thereof, unless such person shall possess a valid certificate of competency as provided by Chapter 18.106 RCW.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall engage in any installation, removal, alteration, relocation, replacement or repair of any plumbing or drainage system, or any part thereof, unless such person shall possess a valid certificate of competency as provided by Chapter 18.106 RCW.

(c) No plumbing work shall be commenced and no permit required by the 2021 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, as herein adopted, shall be issued until the person, firm or corporation doing such work shall supply the Benton County Building Department with evidence of valid certification and registration as herein above required. [Ord. 124 (1977) § 8; Ord. 139 (1980) § 11; Ord. 162 (1983) § 7; Ord. 192 (1986) § 7; Ord. 239 (1993) § 6; Ord. 396 (2004) § 5; Ord. 450 (2007) § 3; Ord. 476 (2010) § 3; Ord. 528 (2013) § 3; Ord. 576 (2016) § 3; Ord. 630 (2021) § 3; Ord. 651 (2024) § 3]

**3.08.090 VIOLATIONS - PENALTIES.** (a) Upon a finding of a first violation of any provision of this chapter, any person or contractor shall be punished by a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for said violation, shall be responsible for court costs, if applicable, and shall be ordered to pay restitution for any damages caused by said violation.

(b) Upon the court's finding of a second or subsequent violation of the same provision of this chapter, any person or contractor shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor.  
[Ord. 124 (1977) § 5; Ord. 139 (1980) § 12; Ord. 162 (1983) § 8; Ord. 192 (1986) § 8; Ord. 239 (1993) § 7; Ord. 304 (1997) § 2]

**3.08.100 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.** Notwithstanding the existence or use of any other remedy or means of enforcement of the provisions hereof, Benton County may seek legal or equitable relief to enjoin any acts or practices which constitute a violation of any of the provisions hereof and compel compliance with all provisions of this chapter. The costs of such action shall be taxed against the person violating the provisions of this chapter. The Building Department may accept a written assurance of discontinuance of any act in violation of this chapter from any person who has engaged in such act. Failure to comply with the assurance of discontinuance shall be a further violation of this chapter.  
[Ord. 139 (1980) § 13; Ord. 192 (1986) § 9; Ord. 239 (1993) § 8; Ord. 476 (2010) § 4]

**3.08.110 SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this chapter is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the chapter and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.  
[Ord. 192 (1986) § 10]

**3.08.120 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This chapter shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage and adoption.  
[Ord. 326 (1998) § 3; Ord. 396 (2004) § 7; Ord. 476 (2010) § 6]