

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 _____

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 147 TITLED PLUMBING STANDARDS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 147 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LATROBE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA – TITLED PLUMBING STANDARDS REPEALING CHAPTER 147 IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHEREAS, the City of Latrobe maintains the city code Chapter 147 titled Plumbing Standards which established minimum standards for the construction of plumbing and house or building drainage in all buildings, structures and premises in Latrobe that certain plumbing code as defined by the “BOCA National Plumbing Code” 1993 Edition, which was originally adopted on July 13, 1981 and amended on April 23, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend the Code specifically repealing Section 147-1 Compliance required; exception, 147-2 Administration and enforcement, 147-3 Permits and violation notices; inspections, 147-4 Standards adopted, 147-5 Amendments to standards, 147-6 Complaints; abatement of nuisances, 147-7 Conflict with other provisions, and 147-8 Title which contains outdated processes that conflict with the Uniform Construction Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to enhance public safety by strengthening building standards to reduce hazards and ensure safer occupancy conditions and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Council of the City of Latrobe, and the City of Latrobe hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 147 – Plumbing Standards: repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That the within Ordinance shall take effect on the date of publication of the post enactment notice of passage of the same and no later than _____.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager, The City Secretary, Mayor and any other proper City official is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and to take any action necessary in order to carry in effect the within ordinance.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this _____ day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATROBE:

By:

Janina Hall, Council Secretary

Eric Bartels, Mayor

Chapter 147

PLUMBING STANDARDS

§ 147-1.	Compliance required; exception.	§ 147-5.	Amendments to standards.
§ 147-2.	Administration and enforcement.	§ 147-6.	Complaints; abatement of nuisances.
§ 147-3.	Permits and violation notices; inspections.	§ 147-7.	Conflict with other provisions.
§ 147-4.	Standards adopted.	§ 147-8.	Title.

~~[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of Latrobe 7-13-1981 by Ord. No. 1981-2 as Ch. XVII, Part 1, of the 1981 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]~~

GENERAL REFERENCES

~~Administration and enforcement — See Ch. 98.~~

~~Housing standards — See Ch. 132.~~

~~Building construction — See Ch. 108.~~

~~Zoning — See Ch. 166.~~

~~Electrical standards — See Ch. 121.~~

§ 147-1. Compliance required; exception.

~~It shall be unlawful for anyone to construct private sanitary sewers from the public sewer to any building, structure or premises; to install house drains or soil, waste and vent pipes; to set any fixture eventually connected to the sanitary sewer system; or to alter or change any existing house drain, soil, waste or vent pipe or fixture presently connected to the sanitary sewer system unless such construction, installation, setting or alteration shall comply with the terms of this chapter or the alteration to existing plumbing has been approved by the Code Enforcement Officer and a permit issued, provided that no permit is required if the only work to be done is repairs as defined in the BOCA National Plumbing Code.~~

§ 147-2. Administration and enforcement.

~~There is hereby adopted all of the provisions and sections of Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement, regulating the administration and enforcement of the Housing (Chapter 132), Building (Chapter 108), Plumbing (Chapter 147), Electrical (Chapter 121) and Fire Prevention (Chapter 279) Codes for Latrobe.~~

§ 147-3. Permits and violation notices; inspections.

~~The Code Enforcement Officer shall receive all applications for permits, issue permits and conduct any and all inspections under this code and shall issue all notices of violations thereof as provided for in Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement.~~

§ 147-4. Standards adopted. [Amended 4-23-1996 by Ord. No. 1996-5]

~~There is hereby adopted by Latrobe for the purpose of establishing minimum standards for the construction~~

~~of plumbing and house or building drainage in all buildings, structures and premises in Latrobe that certain plumbing code known as the "BOCA National Plumbing Code," 1993 Edition, and any amendments thereto, and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling as to the buildings, structures and premises within Latrobe from the time this chapter shall take effect.~~

~~§ 147-5. Amendments to standards. [Amended 4-23-1996 by Ord. No. 1996-5]~~

~~The edition of the BOCA National Plumbing Code now in effect is amended and changed as set forth below. To the extent that the current edition of the 1993 BOCA National Plumbing Code or any subsequent amendment, addition or supplement thereto establishes a higher standard than the amendments set forth below, then in that event the higher standard of either the BOCA Code or the ordinance amendment shall be applicable to the extent there is any conflict between the amendments set forth below and the applicable BOCA National Plumbing Code. The amendments are:~~

- ~~A.— The section regarding violations, is amended to read as follows: "Any violation of this code shall be enforced under the provisions and sections of Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement, regulating the administration and enforcement of the Housing (Chapter 132), Building (Chapter 108), Plumbing (Chapter 147), Electrical (Chapter 121) and Fire Prevention (Chapter 279) Codes for Latrobe."~~
- ~~B.— The section regarding definition of terms, shall be amended by defining "administrative authority" as the Office of Code Enforcement as established in Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement.~~
- ~~C.— The section regarding connections to plumbing systems is hereby amended to read as follows: "The water distribution and drainage system of any building in which plumbing fixtures are installed shall be connected to a public water supply and sewer system, respectively. No new installations of water distribution or drainage systems are allowed that are not connected to a public water supply and sewer system."~~
- ~~D.— The section regarding protection of pipes from freezing shall be amended to read as follows: "Water service piping and sewers shall be installed below recorded frost penetration but not less below grade than four feet for water piping and four feet for sewers. Piping in exterior building walls shall be adequately protected against freezing by insulation or heat, or both."~~
- ~~E.— The Appendix regarding typical symbols and drawings is deleted.~~

~~§ 147-6. Complaints; abatement of nuisances.~~

- ~~A.— Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Code Enforcement Officer or a complaint in writing shall be made by any citizen of Latrobe that the plumbing or drainage of any building has become a nuisance or is contrary to the provisions of this chapter or is of faulty construction and is liable to breed disease or endanger the health of the occupants, then the Code Enforcement Officer shall examine or shall have examined the plumbing or drainage in any such building. The Code Enforcement Officer shall make a drawing of the plan of said plumbing, drainage and sewer and ventilating shaft connections and shall suggest such changes to make the building conform to the regulations governing such matters.~~
- ~~B.— The Code Enforcement Officer shall thereupon notify the owner, operator or agent of any such building, in conformity with the notice requirements of Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement, of the changes which are necessary in such plumbing or drainage. In addition to the requirements of the provisions of such notice, the notice may also contain the statement that unless the changes are~~

~~made within the time affixed by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have instituted legal proceedings to have such changes made or nuisance abated.~~

~~C. Upon refusal and neglect of the owner, operator or agent to obey such notice, the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to institute legal proceedings to have such changes made and said nuisance abated. In these proceedings, the owner, operator or agent may show in defense that the plumbing or drainage was not a nuisance or was not a faulty construction or out of repair, and in the case of a building constructed subsequent to the passage of this chapter, such plumbing or drainage was not contrary to the provisions and requirements of this chapter. This is in addition to the penalties provided in Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement.~~

~~§ 147-7. Conflict with other provisions.~~

~~If any provision of this chapter is found to be in conflict with any provision of Chapter 166, Zoning or the Building (Chapter 108), Electrical (Chapter 121), Housing (Chapter 132) or Fire Prevention (Chapter 279) Codes of Latrobe in force on the effective date of this chapter, the provision which establishes the highest standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the people shall prevail.~~

~~§ 147-8. Title.~~

~~This chapter shall be known hereafter as the "Latrobe Plumbing Code."~~