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## CITY OF TORONTO

### BY-LAW No. 609-2009

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting administrative delegation to establish and select members of licensing examining panels for certain trade licences (drain layers and building renovators) and respecting the licensing of master plumbers, drain layers, building renovators, electrical contractors and master electricians.**

WHEREAS the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* grants the City of Toronto the authority to enact by-laws for the licensing, regulating and governing of businesses wholly or partly carried on in the City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has decided that it is in the public interest to delegate to the Executive Director of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division the authority to establish Examining Panels and select members, as required and in accordance with Council-approved criteria, to conduct and mark examinations for certain trade licenses; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has decided that it is in the public interest to accept, for the purpose of issuing a municipal master plumber's licence, an applicable Certificate of Qualification issued by the Province of Ontario pursuant to the *Trades Qualification and Apprenticeship Act*, certifying individuals to work as plumbers; and

WHEREAS the province of Ontario does not issue a Certificate of Qualification for the specific trade of drain laying, the City of Toronto has decided that it is in the public interest to require applicants for a drain layer's licence, who do not otherwise hold a Certificate of Qualification as a master plumber, to be examined by an Examining Panel of the City of Toronto, referred to above, on their knowledge of the provisions of Chapter 545 of the Municipal Code and of all relevant codes and standards relating to the laying of drains; and

WHEREAS as of July 1, 2006 the Electrical Safety Authority of the Province of Ontario assumed province-wide responsibility for the licensing of electrical contractors and master electricians and established the examination process for master electricians, the City of Toronto has decided that it is not in the public interest for it to issue licenses for electrical contractors and master electricians or examining for such licensing;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by:

1. Deleting all references in Chapter 545 to "Examining Board" and replacing them with the term "Examining Panel".

2. Deleting § 545-415 and replacing it with the following:

Every applicant for a master plumber's licence shall submit to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, a Certificate of Qualification issued by the Province of Ontario.

3. Adding a new Article, following new § 545-415 above, as follows:

Every applicant for a drain layer's licence who does not hold a Certificate of Qualification as a plumber shall be examined by an Examining Panel, as hereinafter constituted, on his or her knowledge of the provisions of this Chapter and of all relevant codes and standards relating to the laying of drains.

4. Deleting all of § 545-416 and replacing it with:

- A. The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, is authorized to establish Examining Panels and select members from a pool of qualified examiners, as required, in accordance with the following criteria:

The Examining Panel shall consist of:

- (1) A chair who is conversant with the skills and has the knowledge required to exercise the several trades, businesses or occupations to which this article relates, and is familiar with the pertinent legislation concerning the same; and
  - (2) Two persons who shall be qualified as licensed master plumbers with at least 10 years' experience as master tradesmen, or as persons who teach such trade in a trade school in the Province of Ontario.
- B. The members of the Examining Panel shall be selected to serve for 18 months, and until their successors are selected, and shall be eligible for re-selection and shall be paid such salary or other remuneration as may be fixed by City Council.
- C. For the purpose of an examination, two members of the Panel shall constitute a quorum.

5. Deleting § 545-421.

6. Deleting § 545-434 and replacing it with:

- A. The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division is authorized to establish Examining Panels and select members from a pool of qualified examiners, as required, in accordance with the following criteria:

The Examining Panel shall consist of:

- (1) A chair who is conversant with the skills and has the knowledge required to exercise the several trades, businesses or occupations to which this

article relates, and is familiar with the pertinent legislation concerning the same; and

(2) No fewer than two persons and no more than four persons, who have each had no less than 10 years' experience in the building, renovating or general contracting business, or a person who teaches architectural trades and in a trade school of the province of Ontario.

B. The members of the Examining Panel shall be selected to serve for terms of 18 months, and until their successors are selected, and shall be eligible for re-selection and shall be paid such salary or other remuneration as may be fixed by City Council.

C. For the purpose of an examination, two members of the Panel shall constitute a quorum.

7. Deleting Article XXXIII "Electrical Contractors and Master Electricians".

ENACTED AND PASSED this 27th day of May, A.D. 2009.

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