ORDINANCE NO. A-491

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PLUMBING WHEREVER WATER ORIGINATING FROM THE CONWAY MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS WATER SYSTEMS: PROVIDING FOR PLUMBING INSPECTORS: PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE ARKANSAS STATE PLUMBING CODE: FIXING FEES FOR SUCH PLUMBING INSPECTION: PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE: REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Conway, Arkansas, owns and operated in a governmental capacity, a Water System as a Municipal Utility; such system having plants, pumps, and transmission lines within and without the corporate limits of the City of Conway, Arkansas, and:

WHEREAS, certain municipalities, private companies, governmental agencies, firms and individuals not within the corporate limits of the City of Conway, Arkansas, are purchasers of water from the said Water System, and:

WHEREAS, the City of Conway, Arkansas, is very desirous of maintaining a pure Water Supply.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. Plumbing for the purposes of this ordinance is hereby defined as follows:

(a) All piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with the water supply and drainage systems within a building and to a point from three to five feet outside of the building.

(b) The construction and connection of any drain or waste pipe carrying domestic sewage from a point within three to five feet outside of the foundation walls of any building with the sewer service lateral or other disposal terminal, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems and the alteration of any such system, drain or waste pipe, except minor repairs to faucets, valves, pipes, appliances and removing of stoppages.

(c) The water service piping from a point within three to five feet outside of the foundation walls of any building to the water meter or other water utility property or other terminal and the connecting of domestic hot water storage tanks, water softners, and water heaters with the water supply system.
(d) Water pressure systems other than public utility systems.

(e) A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed, as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement, and to prevent with a margin of safety unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, siphon or affect trap seals or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures, or permit sewer air to escape into the building.

Section 2. STATE CODE. The provisions and regulations of the Arkansas State Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto, adopted by the State Board of Health of Arkansas, being the 1963 edition of said Code, are hereby made a part of this ordinance by reference, three certified copies of which shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk, and shall extend over and govern the installation of all plumbing installed, altered or repaired in the City of Conway, Arkansas.

Section 3. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION. It shall be the duty of the City Inspector to enforce all provisions of this ordinance and to inspect and test all plumbing work for compliance with said Code and said Inspector is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings in the City of Conway, in the performance of his duties between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. daily. The City Inspector shall issue permits for plumbing work as herein provided and shall prepare suitable forms for applications, permits and other reports.

Section 4. APPLICATIONS - PERMITS. (a) Before beginning any plumbing work in the City of Conway, the person installing same shall apply to the City Inspector, or other designated official and obtain a permit to do such work. Only those persons authorized to do plumbing may be issued permits. A permit may be issued to a property owner to install plumbing in a single family resident provided the property owner does the work himself and the building is owned and occupied by such owner as his home.
(b) Application for permits shall be made on suitable forms provided by the City Inspector. The application shall be accompanied by fees in accordance with the following schedule:

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<td>Water heater, or any single fixture</td>
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<td>Plumbing roughing in inspection</td>
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<td>Each plumbing fixture and waste discharging device</td>
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<td>New or reconstructed sewer connection</td>
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<td>For final certificate of inspection</td>
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<td>Gas ** Six (6) risers**</td>
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An additional fee of $1.50 shall be charged for each additional trip on the part of the Plumbing Inspector caused by the negligence of the plumber. Id., Sec.4

Section 5. BOND REQUIRED. Every Master Plumber doing business in the City of Conway shall execute and deliver to the City a bond with a surety bonding company in the sum of $1,000.00 to indemnify the City or any citizen for the damage caused by the failure of such Master Plumber to comply strictly with the provisions of this ordinance. No plumbing permit shall be issued to any Master Plumber unless this bond has been delivered to the City and is in full force and effect.

Section 6. STREET OPENINGS. [a) All openings or cuts made in the public streets, alleys or ways to install plumbing must be made in strict compliance with ordinances of the City now or hereafter in force and effect.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY. If any word, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance or the Code hereby adopted shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any portion which may be declared invalid.

Section 8. REPEALING. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Conway, Arkansas which are in conflict herewith, and particularly Ordinance No. A-285, passed December 11, 1953, are hereby repealed.

Section 9. EMERGENCY. This ordinance being necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the City of Conway,
an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED: July 8, 1969

APPROVED: 

Mayor

ATTEST: 

Clerk-Treasurer