

§20-07 Inspections.

(a) *General.*

All corporation stops (taps), wet connections, meters, service pipe installations, repairs, plugs and relays shall be subject to inspection by the Department. A Licensed Master Plumber shall certify that all work was performed in accordance with these Rules and all other applicable rules.

(b) *Mandatory inspections.*

Inspections shall be mandatory, and may not be waived for the following categories of work:

- (1) Corporation stops (taps) and service pipes supplying fire sprinkler systems.
- (2) Corporation stops (taps) and service pipes supplying fire protection systems.
- (3) Corporation stops (taps) and service pipes supplying wet standpipes.
- (4) Corporation stops (taps) and service pipes supplying domestic water systems to which fire sprinkler heads are connected.
- (5) Water service terminations (plug only).
- (6) Destruction of any tap or wet connection which requires an excavation separate from the one required for the new tap or wet connection.
- (7) Installed new wet connections and corresponding service pipes.
- (8) Relay or repair of sprinkler, fire, standpipe and domestic service pipes to which fire sprinkler heads are connected.
- (9) Meters larger than one (1) inch.

Any parts of service pipes which are installed without excavation of a trench need not be made available for inspection.

(c) *Inspection waiver.*

For domestic water service pipe installations where inspections are not mandatory, as described in §20-07 (b), the Licensed Master Plumber shall request an inspection as described in §20-02 (l) and §20-02 (m). The Department in its discretion may waive such inspections. If the Department waives an inspection, the Licensed Master Plumber must submit the tap location with certification that all work was performed in accordance with these Rules and all other applicable rules.

(d) *Fee for inspections.*

A fee shall be paid for each inspection in accordance with the Water and Wastewater Rate Schedule of the New York City Water Board.

(e) *Inside flow test.*

(1) A Licensed Master Plumber may submit a written request for permission to conduct an Inside Flow Test in lieu of a mandatory inspection. Such requests may be granted, at the discretion of the Department, but only upon demonstration of substantial hardship.

(2) Where a request for an Inside Flow Test is denied, the Licensed Master Plumber shall re-excavate and make the work available for an inspection.

(3) When performing an Inside Flow Test, the Licensed Master Plumber shall provide all necessary tools, gauges, hoses, etc.

(4) An Inside Flow Test shall be conducted, in the presence of a Department inspector, as follows:

(i) The Licensed Master Plumber installs a pressure gauge on the water service pipe near the entry to the premises.

(ii) The Department inspector records the static pressure.

(iii) The Licensed Master Plumber runs a large quantity of water to waste within the premises.

(iv) The Department inspector records the dynamic (with flow) pressure.

Pressure readings with a measurable difference between the static pressure and the dynamic (with flow) pressure shall be acceptable.

(f) *Permit at work site.*

The Licensed Master Plumber must display the permit at the work site except for emergencies.

(g) *Inspection hours.*

The Department will conduct inspections Monday through Friday (except holidays) between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except upon a demonstration of substantial hardship.

(h) *Backfilling before 2:00 PM.*

Backfilling on installations where mandatory inspections are not required may not commence before 2:00 PM. Failure to observe this requirement may result in the suspension of the Licensed Master Plumber's privilege to self-inspect. The Licensed Master Plumber must comply with all DOT requirements.

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