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**Minutes of 04/21/2022**

The meeting commenced at 9:00 AM (MT)

**Zero-Based Regulations (ZBR) – 24.39.20 Rules Governing Plumbing**

007.03-Close Supervision – Executive Officer Nielsen recommended striking “and in addition there may be formal training.” Darcy Neidigh agreed with this recommendation.

**SUBCHAPTER A – PLUMBING PERMITS, FEE SCHEDULE, AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

101.04-Expiration of Permit – Executive Officer Nielsen added to the second paragraph “or last inspection”.

102.04-Additional Fees – The “Division of Building Safety” would be replaced with “division”.

**SUBCHAPTER B – PLUMBING SAFETY LICENSING**

202.01-Registration or Renewal – Struck out was “the constant on the job” and added was “close”.

204-Plumbing Contractor – Qualifications for Plumbing Contractor – Executive Officer Nielsen cleaned up the language from before, which an individual may or may not need a journeyman’s license to get a contractor’s license. In 204.01, struck out was “provable.” In 204.02.-*Examination*, was removed in its entirety as it is referenced in statute.

**SUBCHAPTER C – IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE**

301.03 - Section 314.4-Excavations – Removed in its entirety.

301.06 - Section 407.4-Transient Public Lavatories – Removed in its entirety.

There was discussion on water heater accessibility, as well as creating a draft on what to add.

Idaho State Plumbing Code Section 507.26-*Accessibility for Service* reads in part, “Appliances shall be located with respect to building construction and other equipment so as to permit access to the appliance. Sufficient clearance shall be maintained for inspection, service repair and replacement without disabling the function of a fire-resistant related assembly or removing permanent construction or other appliances or any other pipe ducts not connected to the appliance being inspected, serviced, repaired, or replaced.” This section will bring clarity to the accessibility for water heaters. If this does not happen, there is a code section for enforcement. Ms. Neidigh asked if this would carry over to the building code when plans are reviewed. This would not be reviewed on the building side when there is a plan review for plumbing. Board Member Rick Garrett asked if it would even be enforceable. Executive Officer Nielsen stated it

would be a fight so is it worth the trouble that it might bring compared to what is currently out there. It would be nice to build a mechanical room to walk into and service equipment. Executive Officer Nielsen stated if people have the backing it is enforceable but realistically it goes back to the industry. Ms. Neidigh sees it on the residential side as an issue with multi-story buildings; therefore, if it is not going to get caught in the plan review stage, it will come with more heartache.

As far as certification for backflows, the plumbing code reads, “Periodic testing shall be performed in accordance with the procedures referenced in ASSE 5000.” There are three places in the plumbing code: 603.4.2, 603.2, and in the reference standards. DOPL does not regulate the requirements for certification; the former IBOL side does, however, it was pointed out they do not go off the ASSE 5000. Mr. Garrett stated plumbing does not regulate the backflow testing at all, just installation. Executive Officer Nielsen said this can be struck out since plumbing does not have any jurisdiction on backflows.

The June 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be changed to a Negotiated Rulemaking meeting. A second Negotiated Rulemaking meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2022. A regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 21, 2022, where the Board will have an action item for the plumbing rules.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. (MT)

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