

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, PLUMBING CODE, SECTION 18-196, TO ADD REQUIREMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, PUBLICATION AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE THIS ORDINANCE FOR SUBMISSION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, City building inspectors have encountered a number of repeated violations of state plumbing code and other problems regarding the installation of the initial plumbing in new structures; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to better enforce the plumbing code and to protect future home purchasers from poor quality work city staff recommends adding an amendment to the city's adopted plumbing code; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment is consistent with the rules and requirements of the State Board of Plumbers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas:

**SECTION 1.** Section 18-196 of the Seguin Code of Ordinances (Building Code) is amended as follows (underlining indicates added text, ~~strike through~~ indicates deleted text):

Sec. 18-196. - Amendments.

(a) Section 312.4, (smoke test required) International Plumbing Code, is hereby deleted.

(b) All drainage, water, vent and sewer testing, where required in Section 312, International Plumbing Code, shall be tested with no less than ten (10) feet head of water.

(c) All drainage, sewer, water, vent and water piping shall be installed after all bagging, fill, and ditching has been established within the foundation forms.

**SECTION 2.** Effective Date In accordance with Section 3.10 of the Seguin City Charter, this Ordinance shall become effective ten days from passage on second reading and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

**SECTION 3.** Severability. If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Submission.** City staff is authorized to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

Passed and approved on the first reading on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

Passed and approved on the second reading on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Naomi Manski  
City Secretary