

PLUMBING BOARD: NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION

On November 21, 2011, the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subdivision 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subdivision 5. Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within 30 days of its issuance by the Plumbing Board, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Minnesota Statutes. Any person wishing to appeal this Final Interpretation must mail, fax, or deliver a written letter of appeal to:

Plumbing Board, Attention: Patricia Munkel-Olson
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443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155
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Any mailed letter of appeal must be postmarked no later than December 21, 2011. Any faxed or delivered letter of appeal must be received by the Plumbing Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 21, 2011.

Questions may be directed to Patricia Munkel-Olson, phone: (651) 284-5128, *email*: patricia.munkel-olson@state.mn.us. TTY users may call (651) 297-4198. No telephone or email appeals will be accepted.

FINAL INTERPRETATION

Inquiry: PB0067
Subject: Gutter installation
Code Reference: Minnesota Plumbing Code, Minnesota Rules Parts 4715.2700 and 4715.2760 (2009)
Submitted by: Mr. Roger Axel
City of New Hope
4401 Xylon Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55428
Approved by: Code Interpretation Committee
by Jim Gander, Committee Chair
Date Received: October 21, 2011
Issue Date: November 21, 2011

Question: Is a gutter or downspout installed completely on the outside of a building or structure discharging to grade governed by the Minn. Plumbing Code, Minn. R. ch. 4715?

Answer: No. Therefore, a licensed plumber is not required.

Commentary:

The submitter agreed that the question correctly articulates his question. All parties were heard and had fair opportunity to present facts, thoughts, opinions, and challenges pertaining to the question of whether a gutter or downspout installed completely on the outside of a building or structure discharging to grade is governed by the Minn. Plumbing Code (the “Code”).

The Committee decided that the installation of the gutters and downspouts specified in the question are not plumbing within the meaning of the Code. Therefore, a licensed plumber is not needed for these installations.

As required by Minnesota Statutes § 326B.127, subd. 5, the Plumbing Board will consider this Final Interpretation for adoption as part of the Code.

Date: November 21, 2011

/s/Jim Gander
Jim Gander, Committee Chair
Code Interpretation Committee