

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL  
INTERPRETATION MANUAL



CODE: Chapter 52, & Texas Plumbing Licensing Law

DATE:

CODE REF:

9/7/2005

SUBJECT: Water Heater Permits Cancellations

**Question:** If a plumbing contractor is unable to schedule an inspection, can the permit be canceled.

**Answer:** Although the Plumbing Licensing Law and Board and Chapter 52 require inspection of all water heater installations, it is very difficult to make a homeowner to open their home and provide a time which we can make the inspection. Therefore, the following procedure will be followed to cancel the permit.

Step 1. The plumbing contractor must send a registered letter with return receipt to the home owner informing them that they are required to get a plumbing inspection by a license plumbing inspector.

Step 2. Send a letter requesting that the permit be canceled along with a copy of the permit and a copy of the letter that was sent to the home owner, and the return receipt to the appropriate plumbing inspector for action.

Step 3. The plumbing inspector will then send a letter (see attached) to the home owner with a return receipt requested.

Step 4. 10 days after the receiving the return receipts cancel the permit and forward the documentation to central files for record storage.

SIGNATURE: *Lonnie Erwin,*  
Chief Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector  
City of Dallas

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Madam and/or Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the water heater you recently installed or had installed requires an inspection by a licensed plumbing inspector. Our records indicate that the permit obtained in conjunction with this installation will expire 120 days after the issuance date of the permit.

The State of Texas passed a bill that requires that all water heater installations, whether it is a new installation or a replacement, must be inspected upon completion of the installation of the water heater. Additionally, the City of Dallas' ordinance requires that all water heaters be inspected. If this required inspection is not accomplished within 10 days after the receipt of this letter the permit associated with this address will be canceled and a copy of this correspondence will become part of Building Inspection records for this address. Failure to get this installation inspected by a plumbing inspector means that you are in violation of state law and city ordinances.

Many people do not realize the potential danger associated with a water heater. If your water heater is not installed according to the manufacturer's installation instructions and code requirements, it could cause damage to your home and/ or pose a danger to you and your family.

The purpose of the inspection is to insure the water heater is safe. Each plumbing inspector is specially trained to insure each water heater is installed correctly.

Therefore, to avoid any potential problems connected with the installation of a new water heater, please contact your plumbing contractor and request that a plumbing inspection be arranged as soon as possible. If you installed the water heater, as the homeowner of a homestead, call our office to find out how to arrange a plumbing inspection. We are here to help insure that your water heater is installed safely and correctly.

Respectfully,

*Lonnie Erwin*

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Chief Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector  
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