

Licensing of Contractors

ORDINANCE 2010-2

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114 (Licensing Of Contractors) of the City Code

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hazleton, Pennsylvania that Chapter 114 of the City Code regarding the licensing of contractors shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 114-1. License Required; Fees.

Every person engaged in or conducting any business, trade, occupation, or activity as a contractor for commercial or industrial entities shall pay a license or permit fee in the amount specified below, and, unless otherwise provided, the fees prescribed shall be paid on an annual basis.

Annual License Fees:

General Contractors*	\$150.00
Plumbing Contractors	\$150.00
HVAC Contractors	\$150.00
Electrical Contractors	\$150.00
Contractors Engaged in All of the Above Trades	\$400.00

*Includes all categories of work which do not come under plumbing, HVAC, and electrical (e.g., paving, drainage, sewer, blasting, landscaping, elevator installation and repair, fencing contractors, concrete pouring, roofing, etc.).

§ 114-2. Consumer Protection Act 132.

The Consumer Protection Act 132 law only applies “private residences,” which is defined as single family dwellings, multifamily dwellings consisting of not more than two units, and single units located within any multifamily dwelling, including condominiums and cooperative units.

Contractors performing work for private residences as defined above are not subject to this license. All other work is considered commercial or industrial in nature and each contractor performing such work will require the contractor to pay the prescribed fee and obtain a City-issued contractor's license.

§ 114-3. Insurance.

Every contractor doing business in the City of Hazleton must furnish evidence of comprehensive public liability insurance coverage for not less than \$500,000/\$500,000 in the event of bodily injury, including death, and \$500,000/\$500,000 in the event of property damage arising out of work performed by the contractor, and, if applicable, worker's compensation insurance. Such evidence shall be in the form of a certificate with 10 days' cancellation notice and which shall be furnished to the City at the time the contractor applies for his annual license. Failure to maintain the required insurance will be considered sufficient reason for the City to suspend the contractor's license.

§ 114-4. Violations and Penalties.

The penalty for violation of this Chapter shall be in accordance with Chapter 1, Article II, Violations and Penalties, of this Code. Each day that any violation of this Chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense, in accordance with Chapter 1, Article II, Violations and Penalties.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Council this 18th day of February, 2010.