



# City of Freeport

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To Whom It May Concern:

The question has been raised about what the requirements will be for the persons working on the meter exchange program. It is the position of the City of Freeport Building Department that any person working on any facet of a plumbing system must be licensed with the State of Illinois. This decision comes directly from the Illinois State Plumbing Code.

#### Illinois Plumbing License Law SEC-1

Consistent with its duty to safe guard the health of the people of this State, the General Assembly therefore declares that the regulation of plumbing and the plumbing trade is necessary for the protection of the public health, convenience, and welfare. The General Assembly therefore declares that individuals, who plan, inspect, install, alter, extend, repair and maintain plumbing systems shall be individuals of proven skill. In order to insure plumbing skill and to authoritatively establish what shall be good plumbing practice, this Act provides for the licensing of plumbers and registration of plumbing contractors and the promulgation of a Minimal Plumbing Code of standards by the Department.

The Illinois Plumbing License Law is not something that may be overlooked. Violators are subject to fines starting at \$5,000 and may be charged with a Class B misdemeanor crime. For these reasons we will require all persons employed on this project to have a valid Illinois State Plumbing License.

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