

PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD, THURSDAY, October 23, 2025

PRESENT: Board Members: Jeff Mason, vice-chairperson; Michael Zepp, Bureau Chief; Bob Ridge, Chief Plumbing Inspector; Elizabeth Moore, County Attorney; Brad Rockwood, Tim Burgan, Carl Strine board members; Nick Doyle, Health Department; Karen Brown, Plumbing Board Secretary

ABSENT: Board Members: James Turnbaugh, chairperson; Anthony DeLuca, contractor; David Zicha board member

Notice of this meeting was provided to the public by emailing notice to members of the Carroll County Plumbing Board and posting notice electronically on the County's website.

The meeting was held at the Carroll County Government Office Building, 225 North Center St, Room 118 Westminster, and called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mr. Jeff Mason, Vice Chairperson.

Old Business

Proper support and installation of expansion tanks on water heaters including different types of mounts.

Green CPVC glue allowed to be used

IRC code on separation of water service and building sewer

Town repairs piping substitutes instead of copper – Taneytown replacement can be plastic

Banning of all plastic piping possible in the future due to bacteria and plastic leeching into water

Trench boxes 4 ft or chest height – Mike discussed procedures for trenches that don't meet safety code  
Liz discussed legality of trench safety

Labor license requirements – not required to be licensed if just digging

Whole house water filters were discussed about installation before the system or after system and the different situations that contribute to what is best for the installation

Health Dept permits required to tie into septic line – Nick Doyle from Health Dept went over the changes to Master Plumber license to be able to install septic

Backflow forms and device replacement requirements – Bob Ridge went over forms and tag requirements

New Business

Electrical disconnects on residential water heaters. Replacement electric water heaters do not require a permit. 10 or 12 gauge accepted

Foundation sealing for water services – mainly replacements where line comes out of the house Jeff discussed using a Foundation company to help with sealing. Discussed different landscaping issues that can

contribute to water problems

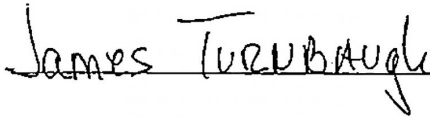
Baker repair couplings on steel well casings – Nick stated that the Health Department does accept this type of repair. Nick will get clarification on the license requirements to work on well pump and couplings.

Bob Ridge went over furnace safety pan and other options stated in the mechanical code. Enforcing pan only unless certain situations apply. This requirement is something that is being recommended as an amendment to 170.19.

Mr. Jeff Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Carl Strine seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next scheduled Carroll County Plumbing Board meeting will be held on April 9, 2026.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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