



# **BOARD OF LICENSE EXAMINERS AGENDA**

**October 07, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

**City Hall - Room 106, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan, WI**

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## **OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Roll Call
2. Call to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Commission members and staff

## **MINUTES**

- [5.](#) Review minutes of September 9, 2025 Board of License Examiners special meeting.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- [6.](#) Review exam results of Reese M. Mersberger, #905, applying for a General Contractor license and discuss granting and forwarding to Council.
- [7.](#) Review and discuss qualifications and experience of Eusebio Garcia-Garcia, #382, applying for a Carpenter Contractor license.
- [8.](#) Discuss review of contractor applications and consistency in review to meet ordinance and qualifications required.

Pat and Gary presented ordinance qualifications and experience requirements for the different licenses. Board understands requirements and acknowledged their responsibilities. Item to be carried over for final approval to next meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

9. Next scheduled meeting: December 2, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

## **ADJOURN**

10. Motion to Adjourn

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## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

## BOARD OF LICENSE EXAMINERS - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

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## OPENING OF MEETING

1. Roll Call

**Board Members Present:** Craig Seider, Todd Thone, Dan Zelm, Sam Payne, Martin Perez

**Staff/Officials Present:** Building Inspector Pat Eirich (Secretary), Gary Van Auken (Licensing Specialist)

**Others Present:** Benjamin Vergunst (applicant)

2. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Craig Seider called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

4. Introduction of Commission members and staff

Each member introduced themselves to attendees and attendees introduced themselves to board members.

## MINUTES

5. Review minutes of August 5, 2025 Board of License Examiners meeting.

Reviewed minutes of August 5, 2025. Motion by Dan Zelm, seconded by Todd Thone to approve the minutes of **August 5, 2025**. Motion carried.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Review and discuss qualifications and experience of Neil M. Raffensperger, #476, applying for a Carpenter Contractor license.

Motion by Dan Zelm, seconded by Craig Seider to approve Carpenter license. Motion carried.

7. Review and discuss qualifications and experience of Benjamin A. Vergunst, #471, applying for a Carpenter Contractor license.

Motion by Dan Zelm, seconded by Sam Payne to approve Carpenter license. Motion carried.

8. Discuss review of contractor applications and consistency in review to meet ordinance and qualifications required. Item 5.

Pat and Gary presented ordinance qualifications and experience requirements for the different licenses. Board understands requirements and acknowledged their responsibilities. Item to be carried over for final approval to next meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

9. Next scheduled meeting: October 7, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Motion by Todd Thone, seconded by Martin Perez to have next meeting on **October 7, 2025** at 5:00 P.M.  
Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURN**

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Dan Zelm, seconded by Martin Perez to adjourn at 5:31 P.M.

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Customer No.: 905 Application Date: 06/30/2025 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Check/Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Pd: \$375.00 Bill #: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_  
In the city of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for the year ending December 31, 20 26. The application/~~temporary~~ license fee of  
\$ 75.00 has been paid to the Building Inspection Division as shown by receipt # \_\_\_\_\_. The license/certificate  
fee of \$ 300.00 is to be made upon application approval for each license/certificate.

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Please type or print neatly and legibly in black or dark blue ink - pencil not acceptable. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

## TO THE BOARD OF LICENSE EXAMINERS, CITY OF SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

All license applications requiring Board of License Examiners approval must be submitted by Wednesday prior to the scheduled meeting.

The undersigned hereby applies for a (select those that apply):

Annual: ☒ Temporary: \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary Job Location: \_\_\_\_\_

License		
	Board Meeting	Exam
General Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	YES
Carpenter, _____	YES	NO
Carpenter-Accessory _____	YES	NO
Note: Temporary does not attend Board Meeting		

Certificate	
Moving/Razing _____	Excavating _____
Concrete/Asphalt _____	Masonry _____
Steel Erecting _____	Tuckpointing _____
Roofing _____	Siding _____
Doors/Windows _____	Insulation _____
Drywall _____	Fences _____
Cabinets/Countertops _____	Waterproofing _____

All of the following questions/blanks must be completed:

- First Name Reese Middle Initial M Last Name Mersberger  
Home Address 3029 Erik Ln Cell #: ( ) 920-572-3551  
City Sheboygan State WI Zip(+4) 53083-2514
- Preferred Email rmersberger@lindorff.com
- Name of Current Employer: JH Findorff & Son, Inc.  
How long have you been employed: years: 10 months: 6 Number of employees: 1200  
Business Address 300 S Bedford St Work #: ( ) 608-257-5321  
City Madison State WI Zip(+4) 53703-3622
- State Credentials: Dwelling Contractor #: \_\_\_\_\_ - DC Dwelling Qualifier: \_\_\_\_\_ - DCQ
- Work Experience (Do not list contract work): For whom were you employed? How did you gain your construction experience?

For Michels Corporation

Address 817 W Main St. Brownsville, WI

From Date 2012

To Date 2015

For JH Findorff & Son, Inc.

Address 300 S Bedford St. Madison, WI

From Date 2015

To Date Present

For \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

From Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Date \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

From Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Date \_\_\_\_\_





**BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION**  
 828 Center Avenue, Suite 208  
 Sheboygan, WI 53081-4442  
 Phone: (920) 459-3477  
 buildinginspection@sheboyganwi.gov

6 State in detail type of construction work you have performed: Commercial general contracting

Type of construction work you expect to complete in the future: Commercial general contracting

7 Have you attended a trade school? No. If yes, give date, name and address of school(s) attended:

8 Did you serve an apprenticeship period? No, If so, state with whom, and dates:

9 Have you held a City Contractor related license/certification? No If YES, list type and dates:

Have you ever had a City contractor license/certification denied, refused, or revoked? No

If YES, list date and reason:

10 Have you read the Ordinance and all amendments to date which were passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, pertaining to the License/Certification you are applying for? Yes. Are you familiar with the definition of, and can perform the work required under the City Ordinance? Yes.

11 If you are granted a license/certification, will you comply with the Ordinance and its amendments, and with the orders of the Inspector? Yes.

I, the applicant, mentioned in the foregoing application for a City of Sheboygan Contractor License/Certification, have read each of the foregoing questions from 1 to 11 inclusive; to which I have made answer, and said answers in each instance are true and correct. I understand false statements or willful omission of pertinent information will be grounds for denial or revocation of a license/certificate.

I, the applicant, further acknowledge:

- a) Receipt of City Ordinance Chapter 12 Division 12-II-3 - Contractors
- b) License/Certification applied for expires at end of current calendar year
- c) It is my responsibility to renew license prior to expiration until such time as not needed
- d) It is my responsibility to submit timely a valid Certificate of Insurance (COI)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

6/27/25

DATE

Signature Witnessed by:

Print Witness Name: Mike Gibson

Witness Address: 2299 Shoshoni St.

Grafton, WI 53024

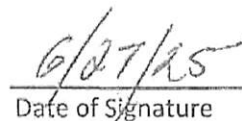
**APPLICANT:**

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**BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION**

After you read the "Required Building Inspections" handout, please sign below. **This sheet must accompany your license/certification application and will be kept on file.**

  
Applicant Signature

  
Date of Signature

Reese Mersberger

Applicant (please print name)

**FOR SOLE PROPRIETORS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR LLCs WITH NO EMPLOYEES, PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW TO WAIVE WORKER'S COMPENSATION REQUIREMENT. (CORPORATIONS ARE *NOT* ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OPTION.)**

Please be advised that \_\_\_\_\_ have/has no employees at this time. If in the future employees are hired, a certificate of insurance reflecting a policy of workman's compensation will be provided.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Customer No.: <u>382</u>	Application Date: <u>09/26/2025</u>	Approved: _____	on: _____
Payment			Card
Check/Card #: _____	Amount Pd: _____	Bill #: _____	Printed: _____

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Roofing _____	Siding _____
Doors/Windows _____	Insulation _____
Drywall _____	Fences _____
Cabinets/Countertops _____	Waterproofing _____

All of the following questions/blanks must be completed:

1 First Name Eusebio Middle Initial - Last Name Garcia-Garcia  
 Home Address 875 Delta Street Cell #: (920) 418-3363  
 City Cleveland State WI Zip(+4) 53015

2 Preferred Email sebio.garcia@icloud.com

3 Name of Current Employer: Kohler Company

How long have you been employed: years: 2 months: 6 Number of employees: 70

Business Address 444 Highland Drive Work #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City Kohler State WI Zip(+4) 53044

4 State Credentials: Dwelling Contractor #: 3377 - DC Dwelling Qualifier: 092100957 - DCQ

5 Work Experience (Do not list contract work): For whom were you employed? How did you gain your construction experience?

For Bill Lorrigan Construction Address 437 Manitowoc St. Reedsville

From Date July 2016 To Date July 2018

For Schneider Farms Address W3181 Schneider Rd, Hibert

From Date July 2018 To Date May 2023

For \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

From Date \_\_\_\_\_ To Date \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

From Date \_\_\_\_\_ To Date \_\_\_\_\_



6 State in detail type of construction work you have performed: Concrete, framing, roofing, steel, flooring, siding, decking

Type of construction work you expect to complete in the future: all of the above

7 Have you attended a trade school? NO. If yes, give date, name and address of school(s) attended:

8 Did you serve an apprenticeship period? N/A. If so, state with whom, and dates:

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Eusebio Garcia-Garcia  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE  
9-25-25  
DATE

Signature Witnessed by: Melissa Garcia  
Print Witness Name: Melissa Garcia  
Witness Address: 875 Delta Street  
Cleveland, WI 53015

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Signature: Eusebio Garcia-Garcia Date: 9-25-25

### **Sec 12-34 Classification**

The city classifies construction contractors and their license/certification fees as set forth in the Contractor's Licenses Fee Schedule on file in the offices of the building inspection division. Licensed or certified contractors may perform only the work or services specified by their classification:

1. *General contractor.* A general contractor is a construction contractor responsible for supervising the completion of a construction project, by either doing the work, or a portion of the work, or by hiring and supervising subcontractors to complete the work and ensure the project complies with all building codes. General contractors may perform structural and non-structural work on commercial and residential buildings. General contractors may not perform electrical, HVAC, or plumbing work. The city does not require a license if the general contractor does not perform any contracting or construction work, and only performs project management (managing subcontractors).
2. *Carpenter contractor.* A carpenter contractor is a construction contractor responsible for constructing, repairing, and installing building frameworks and structures made from wood and other materials. Carpenter contractors may perform structural and non-structural work on residential buildings and only non-structural work on commercial buildings. They may not perform moving/razing, excavating, concrete/asphalt, masonry, steel erecting, electrical, HVAC, or plumbing work.
3. *Carpenter accessory contractor.* A carpenter accessory contractor is a construction contractor responsible for constructing, repairing, and installing accessory buildings frameworks and structures made from wood and other materials. Carpenter accessory contractors may perform building and remodeling of accessory buildings, including detached garages, utility sheds, greenhouses, gazebos, pergolas, free-standing decks, and fences. They may not perform building or remodeling of commercial or residential buildings, moving/razing, excavating, concrete/asphalt, masonry, steel erecting, electrical, HVAC, or plumbing work.
4. *Certified contractor.* A certified contractor is a construction contractor in one of the following classifications:
  1. *Excavating contractor.* An excavating contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of earthen material by digging, trenching, grading, or compacting the material for a cut, fill, grade, or trench.
  2. *Masonry contractor.* A masonry contractor is qualified to select, cut, and lay brick and concrete block or any other unit masonry products. This work includes placing reinforcing steel and concrete forming and placing incorporated into the masonry work. It does not include flatwork.
  3. *Concrete/asphalt contractor.* A concrete/asphalt contractor's primary business is installation or repair of concrete/asphalt areas, including the forming, pouring, and finishing of concrete structures such as footings, foundations, slabs, basement floors, sidewalks/walkways, driveways, and parking areas.
  4. *Tuckpointing contractor.* A tuckpointing contractor specializes in the technique of repairing mortar joints between bricks or other masonry elements. This includes removing cracked, disintegrating, or defective mortar and replacing it with fresh mortar of the same composition.
  5. *Waterproofing contractor.* A waterproofing contractor's primary business is the use or application of materials or processes for the prevention or control of water leakage or flow through the basement walls or flooring into the interior portion of a basement and/or crawl space.
  6. *Roofing contractor.* A roofing contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of all kinds of roofing, waterproofing, and coating, except when the coating does not project, repair, waterproof, stop leaks, or extend the life of the roof. The scope of

responsibility includes re-decking or repair of existing roof sheathing or fascia as needed during repair/replacement.

7. *Siding contractor.* A siding contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of exterior wall covering and cladding (protective treatment); such as aluminum, EIFS, veneer, vinyl, or wood.
  8. *Doors/windows contractor.* A doors/windows contractor's primary business is the installation, replacement, or repair of non-structural exterior doors and windows.
  9. *Insulation contractor.* An insulation contractor's primary business is the installation of any material used primarily to retard or resist heat flow.
  10. *Drywall contractor.* A drywall contractor's primary business is the installation, taping, and finishing of drywall, panels, and assemblies of gypsum wallboard, sheathing, and cementitious board. They may build or install non-load bearing, non-structural walls or partitions.
  11. *Cabinets/countertop contractor.* A cabinets/countertop contractor's primary business is the building and installation, alteration, and repair of any cabinet or countertop.
  12. *Fence contractor.* A fence contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of any structure, wall, or barrier, other than a building, erected at grade to define boundaries or property, provide security or protection to property, or act as a visual or acoustic screen.
  13. *Moving/razing contractor.* A moving/razing contractor's primary business is the process of leveling a structure to the ground or moving a structure from one location to another location.
  14. *Steel erecting contractor.* A steel erecting contractor is qualified to perform the construction, alteration, or repair of steel buildings, bridges, and other structures, including the installation of metal decking and all planking used during the process of erection.
5. *Registered contractor.* A registered contractor is a contractor constructing or performing work on one- or two-family dwellings who possess current dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier credentials from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services under Wis. Stat. § 101.654.



**Sec 12-36 Qualifications**

1. Each class of construction contractor must meet the following qualifications:
  1. *General contractor.* General contractors shall pass the appropriate examination administered by the building inspection division. To be eligible to take the examination, a person must have completed one of the following paths:
    1. four years of apprenticeship plus four years as a journeyman in the commercial trade;
    2. eight years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working for a general contractor in the construction industry;
    3. four years of education in the architectural or engineering field plus four years of on-the-job training.
  2. *Carpenter contractor.* Carpenter contractors shall possess either four years of apprenticeship, plus two years working as a journeyman in the residential trade or six years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working for a general contractor or carpenter contractor in the construction industry.
  3. *Carpenter accessory contractor.* Carpenter accessory contractors shall possess either two years of apprenticeship plus two years working as a journeyman in the residential trade or four years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working in the construction industry for a general contractor, carpenter contractor, or carpenter accessory contractor.
  4. *Certified contractor.* Certified contractors shall possess two years of experience within the most recent five-year period in the respective trade.
  5. *Registered contractor.* A registered contractor shall hold valid dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier credentials from the State of Wisconsin.

**DIVISION 12-III-1 CONTRACTORS****Subdivision 12-III-1-I CONTRACTORS IN GENERAL****Subdivision 12-III-1-II LICENSE/CERTIFICATION****HISTORY**

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

**Subdivision 12-III-1-I CONTRACTORS IN GENERAL****Sec 12-30 Definitions****Sec 12-31 Exemptions****Sec 12-32 Certain Acts Unlawful****HISTORY**

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

**Sec 12-30 Definitions**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Construction contractor* means any person engaged in the business of accepting orders or contracts on cost, plus fixed fee, stated sum, percentage, or any combination thereof, or other compensation than wages, and engaged in work on or in any building or structure requiring the use of stone, brick, mortar, cement, wood, structural steel or iron, sheet metal, piping, tin, lead or any other building material, or doing any paving or curbing on sidewalks, streets, public or private property, using asphalt, brick, stone, cement, wood or any combination thereof, or doing any excavating for foundations or any other purpose; or engaged in the business of building, remodeling, repairing, razing or moving, whether it be by day labor, contract, cost, plus, fixed fee, stated sum, percentage, or any combination thereof, or other compensation other than wages, shall be deemed to be a construction contractor within the meaning of this article. Construction contractors shall be classified as one of the following:

- (a) General contractor.
- (b) Carpenter contractor.
- (c) Certified contractor.
- (d) Registered contractor.

(Code 1997, § 26-91; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)

**HISTORY**

Adopted by Ord. [3-23-24 RECODIFICATION](#) on 6/5/2023

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

**Sec 12-31 Exemptions**

The provisions of this division shall not apply to the following:

- (a) Authorized representatives of the United States of America, the state, the county or the city.
- (b) Owners of property engaged in building structures or making repairs thereon for their own use.

(Code 1997, § 26-92; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)

**HISTORY**

Amended by Ord. [40-14-15](#) § 1 on 2/2/2015



**Sec 12-32 Certain Acts Unlawful**

Any person presenting or attempting to file or use the license, certification, or registration of another, or who shall give false or forged evidence of any kind to the board of license examiners or to any member thereof, to obtain or maintain a license or certification, or who shall falsely impersonate another, or who shall use an expired or revoked license, certification, or registration or shall violate any of the provisions of this division shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 12-1.

(Code 1997, § 26-93; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 42-10-11, § 3, 11-15-2010)

**HISTORY**

Adopted by Ord. [3-23-24 RECODIFICATION](#) on 6/5/2023

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

**Subdivision 12-III-1-II LICENSE/CERTIFICATION**

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[Sec 12-44 Renewal](#)

[Sec 12-45 Grounds For Revocation/Suspension](#)

**HISTORY**

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

**Sec 12-33 Required; Exemption**

- (a) Every person engaging in or desiring to engage in the business of construction contracting in the city shall procure and maintain, at all times while so engaged, a license, certification, or registration as herein provided.
- (b) The Sheboygan Area School District is granted an exemption from the license provisions of subsection (a) of this section for the construction of not more than one single house and two residential garages per calendar year, with the following conditions:
  - (1) Students from the vocational class at North High School or South High School shall construct the garages or house
  - (2) All construction shall be done under the direct supervision of a certified instructor employed by the Sheboygan Area School District.
  - (3) The Sheboygan Area School District shall satisfy the insurance requirements set forth in section 12-41.
  - (4) All other provisions of the building code shall apply.

(Code 1997, § 26-146; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)



## HISTORY

Adopted by Ord. [3-23-24 RECODIFICATION](#) on 6/5/2023

Amended by Ord. [24-24-25 AS AMENDED](#) on 11/4/2024

Item 8.

**Sec 12-34 Classification**

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  - (2) *Masonry contractor.* A masonry contractor is qualified to select, cut, and lay brick and concrete block or any other unit masonry products. This work includes placing reinforcing steel and concrete forming and placing incorporated into the masonry work. It does not include flatwork.
  - (3) *Concrete/asphalt contractor.* A concrete/asphalt contractor's primary business is installation or repair of concrete/asphalt areas, including the forming, pouring, and finishing of concrete structures such as footings, foundations, slabs, basement floors, sidewalks/walkways, driveways, and parking areas.
  - (4) *Tuckpointing contractor.* A tuckpointing contractor specializes in the technique of repairing mortar joints between bricks or other masonry elements. This includes removing cracked, disintegrating, or defective mortar and replacing it with fresh mortar of the same composition.
  - (5) *Waterproofing contractor.* A waterproofing contractor's primary business is the use or application of materials or processes for the prevention or control of water leakage or flow through the basement walls or flooring into the interior portion of a basement and/or crawl space.
  - (6) *Roofing contractor.* A roofing contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of all kinds of roofing, waterproofing, and coating, except when the coating does not



project, repair, waterproof, stop leaks, or extend the life of the roof. The scope of responsibility includes re-decking or repair of existing roof sheathing or fascia as needed for repair/replacement. Item 8.

- (7) *Siding contractor.* A siding contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of exterior wall covering and cladding (protective treatment); such as aluminum, EIFS, veneer, vinyl, or wood.
  - (8) *Doors/windows contractor.* A doors/windows contractor's primary business is the installation, replacement, or repair of non-structural exterior doors and windows.
  - (9) *Insulation contractor.* An insulation contractor's primary business is the installation of any material used primarily to retard or resist heat flow.
  - (10) *Drywall contractor.* A drywall contractor's primary business is the installation, taping, and finishing of drywall, panels, and assemblies of gypsum wallboard, sheathing, and cementitious board. They may build or install non-load bearing, non-structural walls or partitions.
  - (11) *Cabinets/countertop contractor.* A cabinets/countertop contractor's primary business is the building and installation, alteration, and repair of any cabinet or countertop.
  - (12) *Fence contractor.* A fence contractor's primary business is the installation, alteration, and repair of any structure, wall, or barrier, other than a building, erected at grade to define boundaries or property, provide security or protection to property, or act as a visual or acoustic screen.
  - (13) *Moving/razing contractor.* A moving/razing contractor's primary business is the process of leveling a structure to the ground or moving a structure from one location to another location.
  - (14) *Steel erecting contractor.* A steel erecting contractor is qualified to perform the construction, alteration, or repair of steel buildings, bridges, and other structures, including the installation of metal decking and all planking used during the process of erection.
- (e) *Registered contractor.* A registered contractor is a contractor constructing or performing work on one- or two-family dwellings who possess current dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier credentials from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services under Wis. Stat. § 101.654.

(Code 1997, § 26-147; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 76-02-03, § 6, 4-2-2003; Ord. No. 57-05-06, § 1, 11-21-2005; Ord. No. 76-07-08, § 1, 1-17-2008)

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### **Sec 12-35 Applications**

- (a) An applicant for a construction contractor's license or certification shall apply by filling in the printed forms which they may obtain from the building inspection division and by paying an application fee as detailed in section 12-39.
- (b) An applicant for a construction contractor's license must be an individual. Corporate entities are ineligible to apply for such licenses.

(Code 1997, § 26-148; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)



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**Sec 12-36 Qualifications**

(a) Each class of construction contractor must meet the following qualifications:

- (1) *General contractor.* General contractors shall pass the appropriate examination administered by the building inspection division. To be eligible to take the examination, a person must have completed one of the following paths:
  - a. four years of apprenticeship plus four years as a journeyman in the commercial trade;
  - b. eight years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working for a general contractor in the construction industry;
  - c. four years of education in the architectural or engineering field plus four years of on-the-job training.
- (2) *Carpenter contractor.* Carpenter contractors shall possess either four years of apprenticeship, plus two years working as a journeyman in the residential trade or six years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working for a general contractor or carpenter contractor in the construction industry.
- (3) *Carpenter accessory contractor.* Carpenter accessory contractors shall possess either two years of apprenticeship plus two years working as a journeyman in the residential trade or four years of experience within the most recent ten-year period working in the construction industry for a general contractor, carpenter contractor, or carpenter accessory contractor.
- (4) *Certified contractor.* Certified contractors shall possess two years of experience within the most recent five-year period in the respective trade.
- (5) *Registered contractor.* A registered contractor shall hold valid dwelling contractor and dwelling contractor qualifier credentials from the State of Wisconsin.

(b) Licensed construction contractors must also meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Any person taking a required examination and procuring a license who is associated with a contractor, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association, or other organization, or any combination thereof shall provide information about such association as part of their application to take the examination.
- (2) A licensed person cannot qualify to take the required examination on their own behalf or for another contractor, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association, other organization, or a combination thereof shall provide information about the association as part of their application to take the examination while any license previously procured by the person remains unexpired or uncanceled.
- (3) If the person passing the examination shall, at any time, sever their connection with the contractor firm, co-partnership, association, other organization, or a combination thereof with whom they were associated at the time of the required examination, the person to whom the license was issued and the contractor with whom the person was associated shall give written notice immediately to the board of license examiners and surrender the license for cancellation.



(Code 1997, § 26-149; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 46-04-05, § 1, 12-20-2004; Ord. No. 57-10-11, § 2, 4-6-2011)

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### **Sec 12-37 Re-Examination**

Any person failing to pass a required examination may be re-examined by submitting a request for re-examination with a \$25.00 examination fee to the secretary of the board of license examiners or their designee.

(Code 1997, § 26-150; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 57-10-11, § 3, 4-6-2011)

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### **Sec 12-38 Issuance**

- (a) If the applicant receives a score of 75 percent or greater on a required examination, the secretary of the board of license examiners or designee shall report the license application to the common council who may then authorize the building inspection division to issue a license to the applicant upon payment of the license fee.
- (b) Where no examination is required, the secretary of the board of license examiners or designee shall report a qualifying application to the council who may then authorize the building inspection division to issue a license to the applicant upon payment of the license fee.
- (c) For certified contractor applications, the secretary of the board of license examiners or designee may review and approve applications and authorize the building inspection division to issue a certification to the applicant upon payment of the certification fee.

(Code 1997, § 26-151; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 57-10-11, § 4, 4-6-2011)

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### **Sec 12-39 License/Certification Fee**

Before any license or certification shall be issued or renewed under the provisions of this division, the applicant shall pay a license or certification fee as set forth in license/certificate fee schedule on file in the building inspection division.

(Code 1997, § 26-152; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 57-05-06, § 1, 11-21-2005)

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### **Sec 12-40 Privileges**



The issuance of a license or certification shall entitle the person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association, other organization, or any combination thereof, of which the applicant is an active member or officer, to all rights and privileges of a contractor in the classification for which the license or certification is issued.

(Code 1997, § 26-153; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)

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### **Sec 12-41 Insurance Requirements**

- (a) Every construction contractor granted a license or certification shall maintain at all times a policy of general liability insurance issued by an insurer, authorized to do business in the state, insuring the contractor in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence because of bodily injury to or death of others or because of damage to the property of others.
- (b) If the applicant is required under Wis. Stat. § 102.28(2)(a), to have in force a policy of workers' compensation insurance, or if the applicant is self-insured in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 102.28(2)(b), the applicant shall file with the building inspection division a statement certifying that the applicant has in force a policy of workers' compensation insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in the state or is self-insured in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 102.28(2)(b).
- (c) If the applicant is required to make state unemployment insurance contributions under Wis. Stat. ch. 108 or is required to pay federal unemployment compensation taxes under 26 USC §§ 3301--3311, the applicant shall file with the building inspection division a statement certifying that the applicant is making those contributions or paying those taxes as required.
- (d) The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with liability insurance requirements as specified in subsection (a) of this section to the building inspection division by submitting in writing a certificate of insurance with certificate holder to the building inspection division.
- (e) Licenses or certifications rendered void for lack of insurance may be reinstated without a new application upon filing the necessary documents within a period of not exceeding 45 days from the date the license or registration became void.

(Code 1997, § 26-154; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 53-00-01, § 1, 9-18-2000; Ord. No. 57-10-11, § 5, 4-6-2011)

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### **Sec 12-42 Temporary Licenses And Certifications**

- (a) Any construction contractor, before commencing any type of construction contracting work shall first apply for a license to engage in such contracting work. Such application shall be made to the secretary of the board of license examiners or their designee, who may issue a temporary license to such contractor for a specific contracting job, upon the applicant's furnishing proof of compliance with the insurance/bonding requirements of section 12-41, the required qualifications of section 12-36 and upon payment of the required permit fee as set forth in the license/certificate fee schedule on file in the building inspection division.
- (b) The applicant may appeal a denial of a temporary license or certification to the board of license examiners within five days after the denial. The applicant shall submit the appeal in writing, including details of the ruling being appealed, with the secretary of the board of examiners. Such not



appeal shall state clearly and briefly the grounds of the appeal. Where a situation requires an immediate decision, the director of planning and development may make a decision, which shall be final and conclusive. Item 8.

(Code 1997, § 26-155; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 76-02-03, § 7, 4-2-2003; Ord. No. 57-05-06, § 1, 11-21-2005)

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### **Sec 12-43 Expiration**

Licenses or certifications under the provisions of this division shall expire on the December 31 next following their issuance.

(Code 1997, § 26-156; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)

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### **Sec 12-44 Renewal**

A construction contractor's license or certification may be renewed for the next succeeding calendar year by filing a renewal application with the building inspection division and the payment of the renewal fee on or before the last business day of each calendar year. Unless a license or certification is renewed prior to its expiration, the applicant shall be required to file a new application and pay a new application fee. Re-examination shall be required of all applicants for a license or renewal who have not held an equivalent license or registration in the city for two years or more. An appeal for a waiver from this re-examination requirement may be made to the board of license examiners.

(Code 1997, § 26-157; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997; Ord. No. 57-10-11, § 6, 4-6-2011)

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### **Sec 12-45 Grounds For Revocation/Suspension**

(a) The board of license examiners may recommend to the common council the revocation or suspension of any of the licenses, certifications, or registrations issued under this chapter of any construction contractor who shall be guilty of any one or more of the following acts or omissions:

- (1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining license, certification, or registration.
- (2) Negligence, incompetency or misconduct in the practice of contracting within the meaning of this article.
- (3) Abandonment of any contract without legal excuse.
- (4) Diversion of property or funds received under express agreement for prosecution or completion of a specific contract, or for a specified purpose in the prosecution or completion of any contract and their application or use for any other contract, obligation or purpose with intent to defraud or deceive creditors or the owner.

- (5) Fraudulent departure from or disregard of plans or specifications in any material, without the consent of the owner or the owner's duly authorized representative, or the doing of any willful, fraudulent act by the licensee as a contractor in consequence of which another is substantially injured. Item 8.
- (6) Willful and deliberate disregard and violation of the city building code.
- (7) Failure to fulfill contractual obligations through inability to pay all creditors for materials furnished, or work or services performed under the contract.
- (8) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a building permit in which the contractor lends their name and license to another and fails to assume the obligations and responsibilities of a contractor thereunder.
- (9) Failure to properly complete work such that more than three re-inspections of the same work are required to be completed by a building inspector.

(b) A revocation under this section shall be for a period not to exceed two years.

(Code 1997, § 26-158; Ord. No. 44-97-98, § 1, 7-21-1997)

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