

**CHAPTER 5231**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**  
**HIGH PRESSURE PIPING**

5231.0030 QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF INSPECTORS. 5231.0040 PERMIT PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES.

**5231.0030 QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF INSPECTORS.**

Inspectors shall be responsible for the fulfillment of their duties, which shall include the following:

A. They shall report to the secretary of the council or the department all violations of the law or Code of Minimum Standards, with recommendation for action on such violations.

B. They shall inspect the installation of all high pressure piping and appurtenances when requested or when deemed advisable to determine if such installation meets code requirements. They shall also inspect high pressure piping underground and overhead or in any building at any time to determine the safety operations of such piping and appurtenances.

C. They shall at all times be alert in ascertaining whether persons engaging in the business or occupation of high pressure piping are complying with the provisions of the registration act and Code of Minimum Standards, and especially as to whether or not such persons are licensed.

D. They shall be thoroughly conversant with all provisions of the registration act, the Code of Minimum Standards, and these rules.

E. They shall at all times be courteous in the conduct of their duties and shall acquaint the persons engaged in the business of high pressure piping with the provisions of the registration act and Code of Minimum Standards.

F. They shall be furnished with a badge or certificate of identification and shall display the same whenever requested when on duty.

G. They shall refrain from debating any question of disputes where violations are found, but shall be empowered to inform violators of the provisions of the code.

H. They shall not divulge any of their opinions or findings pertaining to their duties as inspectors to any person not connected with the Division of Pipefitting Standards unless instructed to do so by their superior officers, nor shall they divulge to the public any matters of a private nature in the possession of the division.

I. They shall not have authority to start any action or legal proceeding pertaining to the enforcement of the registration act or Code of Minimum Standards unless instructed by their superior officers to do so.

J. They shall have authority to give notice to installers or the property owner by attaching a tag to the piping or equipment advising that the piping installation does not meet the Minnesota code requirements or that it was installed by persons not licensed to make such installation and that the equipment shall not be put into operation until the law and code are complied with and the tag removed by an authorized person.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 175.171; 326.48; 326B.921*

**History:** *14 SR 1877; L 2007 c 140 art 10 s 11; art 13 s 4*

**5231.0040 PERMIT PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES.**

The department shall make the following alternatives available for payment of permit applications:

A. a lump-sum payment at the time the permit application is submitted to the department;

B. quarterly payments based on the actual cost of labor and materials incurred that quarter to construct or install the power piping, anhydrous ammonia, or ammonia refrigeration systems; and

C. an annual payment based on the actual cost of labor and materials incurred to construct or install the power piping, anhydrous ammonia, or ammonia refrigeration systems. This payment method is only available under those circumstances where a licensed high pressure piping business does continuous high pressure piping work at a single work site. A log of work completed, with the cost of labor and materials, shall be maintained and provided to the department at inspection and with final payment. A nonrefundable \$300 payment shall be made, in addition to the application filing fee, to the department when requesting this permit payment alternative.

The department shall not accept any applications for permits from any parties that are in arrears on their permit payments. The department shall revoke any approved permit where payments are 60 days in arrears.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 16A.128; 16A.1285; 175.171; 183.44; 183.545; 326.46 to 326.521; 326B.90 to 326B.925; 326B.986*

**History:** *9 SR 2008; 12 SR 1148; 15 SR 2492; 18 SR 31; 21 SR 1245; 25 SR 992; L 2007 c 140 art 9 s 27; art 10 s 11; art 13 s 3,4*