

CHAPTER 156

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156.01 SPACE HEATING EQUIPMENT - INSTALLATION STANDARDS. No natural gas burning space heating equipment shall be installed, connected or used within the City unless such natural gas heating equipment is installed in existing and new buildings to the extent that the total amount of gas that will be required by all such installations shall not exceed the contract capacity allocated to the City under Federal Power Commission tariffs and regulations and under the following conditions:

1. Where the gas can be supplied through service pipes into the premises as required by franchise;
2. Where the firm gas requirements will not exceed 500 cubic feet per hour for any one installation;
3. Installed in the order in which applications for heating existing and new buildings were made to the Iowa Public Service Company for the heating gas on the regular forms of the company;
4. Where the users of space heating equipment require in excess of 500 cubic feet per hour for any one installation, the user shall have installed and shall agree to maintain complete standby facilities and sufficient standby fuel to enable the users to maintain continuous plant operations on such standby equipment and fuel, and shall agree to full curtailment of the supply of gas upon notice from the distributor of gas.

156.02 SERVICE DISCONTINUED. Any distributor of gas shall discontinue gas service to the premises wherein any gas fired space heating equipment is installed, connected or used contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Upon the determination of any such distributor that new space heating equipment in the City has been installed, connected or used contrary to the provisions of this chapter, such distributor shall forthwith notify in writing the owners or occupants of the premises where such equipment is installed that all gas service to such premises for space heating purposes will be discontinued twenty days after service of such notice, and such distributor shall discontinue such service at the end of such period unless such equipment has been disconnected and removed.

156.03 COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS REQUIRED. No person shall connect or install gas burning space heating equipment where the use of such equipment or the connection thereof is contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Each day that a violation of Sections 156.01 through 156.03 continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be punishable as such.

156.04 GAS BURNING OR CONSUMING EQUIPMENT – INSTALLATION STANDARDS. All gas distribution lines from the gas meter to the gas burning or consuming

unit or appliance installed in existing and new buildings in the City shall meet the following installation and use requirements:

1. All pipes must be black iron except that a flexible bronze connector, approved by the American Gas Association, may be used to connect stoves and dryers to the black iron pipe.
2. A one-inch pipe is required extending from the gas meter into the building where the gas pipe connects into a one-inch tee. From the tee a three-quarter-inch pipe shall be used to distribute gas to stoves, water heaters and other gas consuming appliances except furnaces. A pipe not less than one inch in diameter shall be used to distribute gas to a gas furnace.
3. All furnaces, gas heaters and other appliances shall be vented as required by, and according to, standards of the American Gas Association and local utility company requirements.
4. All gas units and conversion units shall conform to American Gas Association specifications and local utility requirements.
5. All gas burning and consuming appliances and heating units, except cooking ranges, must be equipped with a 100% shut-off valve and such other safety controls as may be required by the American Gas Association and local utility company.
6. The installation and use manual of the American Gas Association, as now or hereafter adopted or amended, is incorporated into and made a part of this chapter by this reference. The American Gas Association is recognized by the Council as a nationally recognized fire prevention agency with code standards regulating the storage, handling and use of inflammables and combustibles.

156.05 FRANCHISE RIGHT TO DISCONNECT SERVICE. Any person having a franchise for the distribution of natural gas in the City, or for distributing natural gas under any arrangement other than a franchise, may disconnect existing service or refuse to furnish service to any building using or maintaining gas distribution lines, appliances or equipment installed or used in violation of this chapter.

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