

VILLAGE OF SALADO RESOLUTION No. 014

WHEREAS, Texas Plumbing law is currently confusing with a lack of consensus as to whether an exemption exists for communities of under 5,000 population, and;

WHEREAS, a bill early in the 78th legislature will seek to definitively remove the exemption, and;

WHEREAS, a shortage of licensed plumbers in our community would cause such a requirement to impose undue hardship upon our citizens, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Salado, Texas believes that there are experienced individuals within our community who are capable of completing plumbing work for our citizens with proper inspections by a qualified inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Salado, Texas hereby requests that the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas support a bill to be introduced by State Representative Sid Miller providing for the retention of an exemption allowing plumbing work in cities of less than 5,000 inhabitants to be performed by unlicensed plumbers.

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Vic Means, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Dianna Zulauf, Village Secretary



City of Hamilton

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Date: 12-13-02

To: The Honorable Mayor Members of the City Council / Commission City Manager / Administrator

Re: Plumbing License Laws Affecting Small Communities

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Now that the election is finally over and we all know who our legislators will be for the next term, the City of Hamilton would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a concern regarding legislation in the upcoming session.

Our Representative, Sid Miller, has informed us that a bill early in the session will remove the exemption in current law that allows plumbing work in cities of less than 5000 to be performed by an unlicensed plumber, unless otherwise required by ordinance. If your community is anything like Hamilton, a requirement that plumbing work be performed by a licensed plumber will result in undue hardship to our citizens. With only two licensed plumbers in our community, there simply are not enough plumbers available to keep the water flowing. We believe that requiring plumbing work to be done by a licensed plumber and then inspected by another licensed plumber is unnecessary and redundant.

Representative Miller has drafted a bill that formerly reinstates the exemption for communities under 5,000. We urge you to support this bill.

A sample resolution for your review and consideration is attached. We request that your governing body pass this resolution within the next 30 days and forward it to your legislators. I sincerely appreciate your attention regarding this important matter and I am hopeful that your governing body will consider the passage of the attached resolution at their earliest convenience.

The City of Hamilton would also appreciate receiving a copy of the resolution at our office at 200 East Main, Hamilton, Texas 76531. The City of Hamilton will forward a compilation of all the resolutions to Representative Sid Miller in support of his legislation which would retain the exemption for cities with less than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants.

With Best Regards,

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Members of the Hamilton City Council Texas Municipal League - Legal Department State Representative - Sid Miller

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