

## ORDINANCE No. 92666

An Ordinance to amend Section 10-1216 of Ordinance No. 77482, the Plumbing Code, so as to provide for temperature limiting thermostats and relief valves for hot water heaters, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds that under the applicable provisions of the state law certain requirements are included for temperature and pressure relief valves on all hot water tanks and because of the general nature of the state statute the same takes precedent over the City ordinance and the City ordinance should be brought into conformity; now therefore, Section 10-1216, Article 12, of Ordinance No. 77482, the Plumbing Code, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 10-1216. TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES REQUIRED.

On and after April 1, 1951, every water heater, or storage tank, or vessel in which water is heated or stored under pressure or to which a water heating device or appliance is, or is hereafter, attached, shall be equipped with a temperature and pressure relief valve so made and installed as to prevent development of, or the accumulation of, water which is in excess of 212° Fahrenheit.

Said temperature and pressure relief valve shall be of the full automatic reseating type and shall be installed directly in the tapping in the top of the tank or in the side of the tank not more than 6 inches below its top, or on the hot water discharge pipe within 3 inches of the top of the tank, and there shall not be any valve between the temperature and pressure relief valve and the tank.

Relief valves shall be bellows type with tube. Relief valves depending on fusible plugs for temperature relief will not be accepted.

For electrically heated storage tank or vessel in which water is heated, an approved temperature limiting thermostat may be used in lieu of the temperature relief valve; such thermostat shall be of the manual reset type, to operate and disconnect the ungrounded conductors when the maximum temperature of the water exceeds 190° Fahrenheit.

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Each tank so equipped shall have a permanent legend or marking on the outside thereof showing that the tank is equipped with an approved temperature limiting thermostat.

Hot water heaters, storage tanks or vessels, equipped with a temperature limiting thermostat only, there shall also be installed a pressure relief valve.

The discharge pipe from the relief valve shall terminate over an open fixture or not less than 10 inches from the cement floor, as close as possible to a drain properly connected to the drainage system or other approved methods.

Every hot water tank shall be supplied with water through at least 3/4-inch service pipe, to and including shut-off valve for boiler.

Section 2. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland in this: In order that there may be no delay in bringing the ordinance into conformity with applicable state law, therefore an emergency hereby is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, **OCT 12 1950**

*Dorothy McCullough Lee*  
Mayor of the City of Portland  
*Will Gibson.*

Attest:

Auditor of the City of Portland

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### THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

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Bowes	/	
Cooper	/	
Peterson	/	
Lee	/	

### FOUR-FIFTHS CALENDAR

Bean	
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INTRODUCED BY  
Commissioner Bean

DRAWN BY  
AGB/11

Date Oct. 3, 1950

### NOTED BY THE COMMISSIONER

Affairs

Finance ORB

Safety

Utilities

Works

City Attorney AGB

### NOTED FOR CITY AUDITOR

RSI

### APPROVED

Date

By

Chief Civil Engineer

Date

By

City Engineer

Filed OCT 16 1950

*Phil Gibson*  
Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

By ROBERT L. MCCOY  
Deputy