

Municipal Code of Chicago

**CHAPTER 4-344
STATIONARY ENGINEERS AND
BOILER TENDERS**

4-344-010 Boiler or water tender defined.

As used in this chapter:

"Boiler or water tender" means any individual who has charge of a steam boiler whose duty it is to keep up the water in such boiler; provided, however, that the provisions of this chapter applicable to boiler or water tenders shall apply only to boiler or water tenders who are in charge of a steam boiler which is detached from the engine room, or so far removed therefrom or otherwise circumstanced or located, as to render it difficult for the engineer in charge of the plant to give such boiler his personal attention and supervision.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-020 License - Required.

No steam engine or boiler subject to the provisions of this chapter shall be used, managed or operated except by an engineer or boiler or water tender who shall have been duly licensed and who shall have and exhibit a certificate thereof.

No individual shall take charge of, manage or operate any steam engine or boiler, or any portion of a steam plant, in the city without a license, as provided by this chapter.

Engineers in charge of locomotives and engineers or boiler or water tenders in charge of boilers carrying not more than ten pounds pressure of steam per square inch shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense, and any person owning or controlling any steam engine, boiler or other steam plant who shall authorize or permit any individual without a license, as required herein, to take charge of, manage or operate any steam engine or boiler or any portion of a steam plant, shall for each offense be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00, and each day's violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-030 License - Application.

An application for a license to engage in the business of an engineer or boiler or water tender shall be made on printed forms furnished by the buildings commissioner, and shall set forth the name, age and citizenship of the applicant, and the extent of his experience.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-040 License - Applicants' qualifications.

An applicant for an engineer's license shall be a machinist or engineer having at least two years' practice in the management, operation or construction of steam engines and boilers. An applicant for a boiler or a water tender's license shall be a person who has a thorough knowledge of the construction, management and operation of steam boilers.

Each engineer and boiler or water tender so to be licensed shall be at least 21 years of age and shall be of temperate habits and good character, all of which shall be vouched for in writing by at least two citizens of this city or shall be verified under oath by the applicant when required by the buildings commissioner.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-050 License - Examination.

The buildings commissioner shall have power to examine into the qualifications of applicants for licenses as engineers and boiler or water tenders and grant licenses.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-60 License - Fee.

(1) The fee for the examination for an engineer's license shall be \$ 70.00.

(2) The fee for an engineer's license shall be \$15.00 for each year the license is valid. The fee for renewal of such license shall be \$15.00 for each year the license is valid. In addition to the renewal fee, the fee for reinstatement of a lapsed engineer's license shall be \$3.00 for each lapsed year.

(3) The fee for the examination for a boiler or water tender's license shall be \$5.00. The fee for reexamination for a boiler or water tender's license shall be \$5.00.

(4) The fee for a boiler or water tender's license shall be \$15.00 for each year such license is valid. The fee for renewal of such license shall be \$15.00 for each year the license is valid. In addition to the renewal fee, the fee for reinstatement of a lapsed boiler or water tender's license shall be \$5.00 for each lapsed year.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-070 License - Term.

The license for an engineer or boiler or water tender shall be valid for a period of not less than one and not more than four years from the date of issuance.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-080 License - Issuance.

Every certificate of license issued to an engineer or boiler or water tender shall be signed by the buildings commissioner and sealed with an imprint of the commissioner's seal.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-090 License - Revocation and suspension conditions.

The buildings commissioner shall have power to suspend or revoke the license of an engineer or a boiler or water tender for permitting water to get too low in the boiler, for carrying a higher pressure of steam than allowed by law, for an absence from his post of duty, or for any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, or other neglect or incapacity; provided, however, that no license shall be suspended or revoked without first giving the accused person an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. When the license of an engineer or boiler or water tender shall be revoked for the first offense, no license shall be issued to him for 30 days thereafter; for the second offense, for 90 days; for any offenses hereafter, his license shall be permanently revoked.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-100 Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the buildings commissioner to see that each boiler plant in the city shall have a licensed engineer, or boiler or water tender, or both, as provided herein, in charge **at all times** when working under pressure, whose certificate of qualification shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the engine or boiler room, and each engineer or boiler or water tender shall devote his entire time, while boilers are working under pressure, to the duties of the plant under his charge.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-344-110 Violation - Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is specifically provided shall be fined not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense.

(Added Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)