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**To: Salina licensed contractors, Salina Chamber of Commerce,  
Salina Community Economic Development Organization**

**From: Sean Pilcher, Building Official**

**RE: Amendment to Chapter 8 of Salina Municipal Code – Contractor  
licensing**

**Date: March 3, 2022**

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On April 9, 2007 the Salina City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 06-10323, requiring the licensing of building contractors, specialty contractors and registered craftsmen. These requirements are found in Chapter 8, Article III; Sections 8-171 through 8-200.4 of the Salina Municipal Code (SMC). These sections show licensing categories and summarize general requirements and the available test for each license category.

- A test administered by a nationally recognized testing agency (Test) or possession of a bachelor's degree in engineering, architecture, construction management or construction science from an accredited college or university (Related Degree) is required for all Class A, B, & C Contractors **and** all Specialty Contractors.
- Specialty Contractors are listed as concrete, framer or erector, roofing, masonry, fire sprinkler, fire alarm & communications, demolition, sign, right-of way and swimming pool.
- Before the amendment, A, B, & C contractors could perform any of the specialty contractor or registered craftsman work except for swimming pools, lawn/landscape irrigation, fire alarm & communication systems, fire sprinkler systems, and hood and spray booth suppression systems.

Prometric is the testing company that the City of Salina refers contractors to in order to take construction exams for Specialty Contractors not offered by the International Code Council (ICC) or the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET). ICC provides testing for A, B & C Contractors as well as Specialty License types of Concrete and Roofing. NICET provides testing for hood and spray booth suppression, fire sprinkler, and Fire alarm/ communication. Prometric provided testing for Framers/Erectors, Masonry, Demolition, Swimming Pool and Lawn/Landscape Irrigation.

As of August 1, 2021, Prometric no longer provides any construction testing of any type. Under the current code, Class A, B, & C contractors can perform specialty contractor scopes of work with the exception of, fire alarm & communication systems, fire sprinkler

systems, and hood and spray booth suppression systems. Of that list, Swimming Pools and Lawn/Landscape Irrigation have no test available to grant a specialty contractor license. An equivalent test has been found for Lawn/Landscape Irrigation contractors but not for Swimming Pools.

For Swimming Pool Contractors, the city has amended the code to allow class A, B, & C General Contractors install swimming pools and do not require special testing. Partly because there is no test readily available and because the skills needed are similar to other construction requirements. A licensed electrician is still required to perform all electrical, grounding and bonding of the pool work and nearby surfaces.

At this time there are no other testing options available for Framers/Erectors, Masonry, or Demolition contractors, but these types of specialty disciplines can legally be done by A, B, & C General Contractors as currently written in Salina Municipal Code. Current license holders in the city include: 6 Masonry, 7 Framer/Erector, and 3 Demolition contractors. As noted in the draft ordinance, these specialty contractor license holders who took the Prometric test will remain valid, provided they renew their licenses without interruption. If new specialty contractors come to Salina and apply for license, they will need to either provide certification of passage of A, B, & C General Contractor test (Provided by ICC) or provide proof of a related degree.

In summary, passage of Ordinance 22-11095 allows A, B, & C General Contractors to install swimming pools and provides further clarification in the code as to testing requirements for all contractors and specialty contractors.