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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Karl Abrahamson

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

**Metro Municipal Plumbing Inspector
Plumbing Board**

Effective: October 24, 2022

Expires: December 31, 2025

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed October 19, 2022.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Replacing: Richard Jacobs

Filed on October 19, 2022
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

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Skills

- Organizational skills
- Multitasking
- Project planning
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Work ethic
- Communication
- Problem solving

Education And Training

01/2000

Plumbing :

Saint Paul College

Saint Paul, MN

01/2008

Associate of Applied Science:

Applied Industrial Training

Washtenaw Community College

Ann Arbor, MI

1994

Some College (No Degree):

**North Hennepin Community
College**

Minneapolis, MN

Certifications

- State Master Plumbing
- State Backflow Certification
- Saint Paul Master Plumbing
- RPZ and Backflow Prevention Certificates 5110, 5120, 5130
- American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) Certified Instructor and Proctor for ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Professional Qualification Standard series 5000 and the ASSE Guidelines for Cross Connection Control

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Summary

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Quality-driven plumbing inspector with advanced knowledge of the Minnesota Plumbing Code, Minnesota State Building Code, and Saint Paul Regional Water Services Codes. Proactive leader with strengths in communication and collaboration with the capacity to resolve problems. Adept at managing concurrent objectives to promote efficiency and influence positive outcomes.

Experience

Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections - Plumbing Inspector

04/2014 - Current

- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of inspection techniques, codes, ordinances and regulations to perform inspections for commercial, industrial, and residential waste, vent, water, storm water systems.
- Read and interpret Site Plan and Plumbing Plan Reviews.
- Give information about methods and materials to correct problems and bring project in compliance with ordinances and codes.
- Re-evaluate commercial and residential constructions with previous failed inspections.
- Work closely with team members to deliver project requirements, develop solutions and meet deadlines.
- Juggle multiple projects and tasks to ensure high quality, while developing solutions and meeting deadlines.
- Provide excellent service and attention to customers when face-to-face or through phone conversations.
- Demonstrate self-reliance by meeting and exceeding workflow needs.

Saint Paul College - Instructor

07/2002 - Current

- Instruct 4th year Plumbing, Beginning Plumbing Drawing.
- Instruct 4th year Plumbing, Advanced Blueprint (Plan) Reading and Foreman Training.
- Instructed 5th Year Plumbing Code Review.
- Observe and evaluate student performance and development and provided appropriate feedback on work.
- Establish objectives for lessons, modules and projects.
- Tutor students requiring additional instructional assistance after class.
- Proctor ASSE Series 5000 backflow certifications.

Nasseff Mechanical - Journeyman Plumber and Service Technician

10/2013 - 04/2014

- Installation, repair, and service of plumbing and heating systems for both residential and commercial systems.

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- Lay out of plumbing systems for commercial remodel projects.
- Mentor and train apprentice plumbers.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services - Provisional Engineering Tech II

01/2013 - 10/2013

- Inspected the installation of water mains located in the right of way area.
- Performed ongoing inspections for leak detection and water quality testing on SPRWS water mains.
- Maintained thorough and accurate incident reports, service logs and inventory maintenance documentation.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services - Plumbing Inspector (Temporary)

04/2008 - 01/2013

- Inspected residential, commercial, and Industrial water distribution systems and water service systems.
- Facilitated enforcement on delinquent RPZ and Testable Double Check test reports.
- Utilized Amanda, Stamp, NX View, CMMS, and BPMS computer programs.
- **Recruited to work with the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI).**
- Performed plumbing inspections on vacant buildings.
- **Project Coordinator Civil East Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project.**
- Coordinated and inspected the installation of temporary and permanent water mains with customers, contractors, and CCPO representatives.
- Consulted with SPRWS Engineers to evaluate the impact of all water shutdowns to the SPRWS distribution system.
- Worked with SPRWS Management to develop all funding agreements with Met-Council.
- Interacted with supervisor and various experts to address escalated issues.
- Collaborated successfully with diverse group of coworkers to accomplish goals and address issues related to our products and services.

McQuillan Brothers Plumbing and Heating - Foreman and Journeyman Plumber

05/2000 - 04/2008

- Performed installation, repair, and service of plumbing and heating systems for both residential and commercial systems.
- Acted as foreman for numerous residential and commercial projects.
- Efficiently prepared lay out of plumbing systems for numerous residential and commercial new and remodel projects.
- Communicated with customers regarding recommendations on repairs, replacements and upgrades of plumbing equipment.
- Mentored and trained apprentice plumbers.

State Mechanical - Apprentice & Journeyman Plumber

07/1996 - 05/2000

- Performed installation, repair, and service of plumbing and heating systems for both residential and commercial systems.
- Served as foreman on commercial projects.
- Installed outside storm water, sanitary and portable water utilities.

Board Experience

- Executive Board – Plumbers Local 34 2004 – 2011
- Governor Appointed Minnesota State Plumbing Board 2007 – 2012
- Minnesota State Plumbing Product and Code Review Committee 2008 – 2012
- Minnesota State Plumbing Licensing and Registration Committee 2008 – 2012
- Chair - Minnesota State Plumbing Continuing
- Education Committee 2010- 2012
- Minnesota State Plumbing Medical Gas Committee 2010-2012
- ASSE Product and Standards Review Committee 2020- Current

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December 30, 2021

Boards and Commissions
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon
Saint Paul, MN 55155

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RE: Plumbing Board Appointment, Municipal Plumbing Inspector - Metro

President of the Senate

Dear Boards and Commissions,

I am highly motivated and approach goals from a diverse professional career as a Master plumber, City of Saint Paul Inspector, Saint Paul College Instructor for Plumbing, and as an experienced board member of several state and national plumbing industry boards and committees. I believe my comprehensive professional experience, and passion for bridging gaps between residents, business, and government sectors, specifically qualify me for the challenging position on the Minnesota State Plumbing Board.

During my tenure as a Plumbing Inspector for Saint Paul Regional Water Services I served as the Project Coordinator - Civil East Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, I was part of the team that coordinated and inspected the temporary and permanent water mains with customers, contractors, and CCPO representatives. I was required to interact daily with business owners inconvenienced by construction and construction crews with tight timelines. This is one of many job experiences that have provided me with effective collaborative skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks. I am known to be approachable, strategic, and a strong communicator. I have extensive hands on experience as a Master plumber and I developed an in-depth knowledge of Minnesota's Plumbing Code, State Building Code, as a board member on the Minnesota State Plumbing Board and several Board Committees. Also, I have been working as a Saint Paul Plumbing Inspector for over 7 years and have advanced knowledge of Saint Paul Regional Water Service Code. In all I have over 14 years of experience serving as a Plumbing Inspector for the City of Saint Paul.

In my 25-plus years of working in the plumbing industry, I have gained experience and skills applicable to all the service areas assigned to a Plumbing Inspector. I would be honored to utilize my experience to help the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industries Plumbing Board to pursue its mission and goals and to provide the highest quality services possible for Minnesota's residents and businesses.

Sincerely,
Karl Abrahamson

**Application for the position Municipal Plumbing Inspector - Metro Application Date: 12/30/2021
8:57:58 AM**

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Plumbing Board
Position: Municipal Plumbing Inspector - Metro

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Karl David Abrahamson
Phone:
County: Washington
Mn House District: 54A
US House District: 2
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

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Part V: Signature

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Signature: Karl David Abrahamson
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