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The following comments are presented on behalf of my company in response to the NYC Department of Building's (DOB) proposed amendments and repeal of various Licensing Rules. I have reviewed the proposed changes and offer the following comments:

- **Increase the fees for licensing written and practical examinations.**

I support the proposed increase in the fees. In my opinion the Department should take steps to differentiate between a person seeking to obtain a license and a worker seeking to obtain a full gas work qualification. The time and expense required to obtain this qualification should be reflective of this. I believe this issue requires attention to avoid a shortage of qualified workers in the future.

- **Add language that used to be in Section 28-401.7 of the Administrative Code regarding commencing the license application process within one year of passing the examination.**

The current language requires the applicants to furnish all requested forms within one year of the date of the Departments notice of approval. The proposed additional section states the applicant must commence the license application process within one year of passing the examination. The two sections conflict with each other and this needs to be corrected. A candidate for a master plumber's license spends hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to pass the exams. The process required to obtain the license must be clear to all parties.

- **Add language from rule 19-01 requiring licensed master plumbers and licensed master fire suppression piping contractors to have a sign outside their place of business that includes their license number.**

The addition of this language would conflict with section 28-401.18.2 of the NYC Administrative Code requires a licensee to post a photocopy of their license in a conspicuous place near the entrance to the licenses' place of business. In my opinion the proposed text to be added is no longer necessary as the Code provides for adequate measures to verify a licenses location.

Respectfully submitted,

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