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480.410 Definition. As used in ORS 480.420 to 480.460, "LP gas" or "liquid petroleum gas" means any liquid composed predominately of any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures of the same: Propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes. [Amended by 1957 c.712 §1]

480.420 Liquid petroleum gas rules and regulations; conformity with standards of National Fire Protection Association. (1) The State Fire Marshal shall make, promulgate and enforce regulations establishing minimum general standards for the design, construction, location, installation and operation of equipment for storing, handling, transporting by tank truck or tank trailer and utilizing liquid petroleum gases and specifying the degree of odorization of the gases, and shall establish standards and rules for the issuance, suspension and revocation of licenses and permits provided in ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(2) The regulations required shall be such as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the health, welfare and safety of the public and of persons using or handling such materials, and shall be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety relating to the same matter. Regulations in substantial conformity with the published standards of the National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 58 and pamphlet No. 59 for the design, installation and construction of containers and equipment thereto pertaining, for the storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases, including utility gas plants, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, and the published standards of the National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 54 for liquefied petroleum gas piping and appliance installations in buildings, shall be deemed to be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety relating to the same subject matter. [Amended by 1957 c.712 §2; 1961 c.477 §1; 1967 c.417 §26]

480.430 Liquefied petroleum gas containers; certain uses prohibited. No person other than the owner of the container or receptacle and those authorized by the owner so to do, shall sell, fill, refill, deliver or permit to be delivered or used in any manner any liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle for any gas or compound or for any other purpose. [Amended by 1965 c.602 §25]

480.432 Licenses required; exceptions. (1) A person may not engage in or work at the business of installing, extending, altering or repairing any LP gas appliance or piping, vent or flue connection pertaining to or in connection with LP gas installations within the state, either as employer or individual, unless the person has received an LP gas installation license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(2) A person may not do any LP gas fitting or gas venting work, install, repair or remodel any piping or venting or do any installation, repair service, connection or disconnection of any LP gas appliance that is subject to inspection under ORS 480.410 to 480.460 unless the person has received an LP gas fitter license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(3) A person may not operate any LP gas delivery equipment installed on a motorized vehicle unless the person has received an LP gas truck equipment license from the State Fire Marshal in accordance with ORS 480.410 to 480.460.

(4) Any person under the terms of this section who is required to have an LP gas fitter or LP gas truck equipment license is also required to have an LP gas installation license, unless the person is an employee of an employer who has an LP gas installation license as provided by this section.

(5) A person who holds a valid journeyman plumber's certificate under ORS 693.060 or who is in an approved journeyman plumber apprenticeship established under ORS chapter 660 is exempt from the licensing requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, except that the apprentice or journeyman plumber may not install an LP gas tank or make any connection to an LP gas tank unless the apprentice or journeyman plumber is licensed as required under this section.

(6) A person who holds a certificate issued by the Board of Boiler Rules under ORS 480.630 authorizing the person to fabricate, install, alter or repair pressure piping and to install boilers and pressure vessels by attachment of piping connector is exempt from the licensing requirements of subsection (1) and (2) of this section, except that the person may not install an LP gas tank or make any connection to an LP gas tank unless the person is licensed as required under this section.

(7) The provisions of this section do not apply to LP gas installations in a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle performed during the construction of the manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle, or the alteration or repair of an LP gas installation in a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle made pursuant to the manufacturer's warranty. [1957 c.712 §4; 1967 c.417 §27; 1999 c.558 §4; 1999 c.852 §1; 2001 c.104 §221]

480.434 Examination of applicants for licenses; issuance of license. (1) The State Fire Marshal shall examine applicants for licenses required under ORS 480.410 to 480.460 as to their knowledge of LP gas, its properties, related equipment and applicable safety regulations. An applicant for examination must submit an examination application, accompanied by an examination fee of \$40 prior to the examination.

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(2) LP gas fitters and drivers must be examined and obtain a license after not more than a 60-day probationary period of on-the-job training under licensed supervision.

(3) The State Fire Marshal shall examine LP gas installation license applicants regarding the applicable code and statutory responsibilities. The successful examination of one member of a firm or executive of a corporation at each business or dealership location fulfills the examination requirement on behalf of the firm or corporation. Each LP gas business or dealership location must obtain an LP gas installation license.

(4) If satisfied that the applicant has the requisite knowledge, the State Fire Marshal shall issue the appropriate license or licenses to the applicant, as provided in ORS 480.410 to 480.460. [1957 c.712 §5; 1967 c.417 §28; 1987 c.346 §1]

480.435 Licenses; revocation; suspension; refusal to issue or renew. In accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550, the State Fire Marshal may revoke or suspend or may refuse to issue or renew a license required pursuant to ORS 480.410 to 480.460, or may place the licensee in a probationary status subject to specified conditions, if the State Fire Marshal finds that the person to whom the license was issued:

(1) Deliberately falsified the application form for the LP gas license or examination;

(2) Has committed a violation of ORS 162.305;

(3) Failed to comply with any provision of ORS 480.410 to 480.460, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto; or

(4) Failed to maintain the status required under ORS 480.434. [1987 c.346 §3]

480.436 License fees; term of licenses; delinquency penalty.

(1) The annual fee for the LP gas installation license is \$85.

(2) The biennial fee for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license is \$15.

(3) All licenses must be renewed on or before a date specified by the State Fire Marshal. Unless revoked or suspended by the State Fire Marshal for failure to comply with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460, an LP gas installation license continues in force for one year from the date of issuance and is not transferable. An LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license continues in force for two years from the date of issuance and is not transferable. The State Fire Marshal, by rule, may establish a system for staggered license expiration dates, that includes prorated fees for periods of less than one year for an LP gas installation license and less than two years for an LP gas fitter license or an LP gas truck equipment license.

(4) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the license fee amount or \$15, is imposed for the delinquency. [1957 c.712 §6; 1967 c.417 §29; 1973 c.832 §15; 1993 c.115 §1; 1995 c.79 §293; 1999 c.558 §1]

480.440 Inspection of certain storage tanks. The State Fire Marshal shall annually inspect an installation of storage tanks located at dealers' plants. The State Fire Marshal may annually inspect an installation of tanks used for delivery purposes. The State Fire Marshal shall collect a fee of \$100 for each plant inspection and \$24 for each delivery unit inspection. [Amended by 1953 c.228 §4; 1957 c.712 §7; 1967 c.417 §30; 1973 c.832 §16; 1999 c.558 §2]

480.445 Regulation of liquid petroleum gas container or receptacle siting and installation. (1) The regulation of liquid petroleum gas containers or receptacles by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS 480.410 to 480.460 is not a program affecting land use under ORS 197.180.

(2) A local government may not regulate the siting, installation, maintenance or removal of a liquid petroleum gas container or receptacle regulated by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS 480.410 to 480.460, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section or ORS 480.450 (7).

(3) A local government may:

(a) Regulate the siting and installation of a liquid petroleum gas container or receptacle with a capacity of more than 1,200 gallons or a group of containers and receptacles with an aggregate capacity of more than 4,000 gallons to protect the public health and safety.

(b) Regulate the siting and installation of liquid petroleum gas containers or receptacles in a flood plain regulated by local ordinance.

(c) Regulate the siting and installation of liquid petroleum gas containers or receptacles that are not accessory to an authorized or authorizable land use.

(d) Prohibit the siting and installation of liquid petroleum gas containers or receptacles of specified types or sizes in specific zones within an urban growth boundary to protect the public health and safety.

(e) Regulate, through the local government's assistant to the State Fire Marshal as described in ORS 476.060, the placement of liquid petroleum gas containers or receptacles for the purpose of fire prevention. [2005 c.88 §2]

Note: 480.445 was added to and made a part of 480.410 to

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480.460 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

480.450 Notice of new installations; inspection fees; inspections after original inspection; notice of changes; correction of improper installations required. (1) The installer shall notify the State Fire Marshal before the last day of each month, of all new installations made during the preceding month of containers or receptacles for liquid petroleum gas, including installations for private homes and apartments. The installer shall certify on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal that all of the new installations are duly and properly reported. The State Fire Marshal may require that the notification include the location and description of the installation and the name of the user. All fees due and payable must accompany the notification. The replacement of empty containers or receptacles with other containers constructed in accordance with Interstate Commerce Commission specifications is not a new installation or change in the original installation that requires notification to the State Fire Marshal or necessitates further inspection of the installation. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the installer an installation fee of \$35 for each tank installed or for all tanks at the installation if the total combined capacity is 200 gallons or less. The State Fire Marshal or deputies of the fire marshal or assistants shall inspect a reasonable number of the installations and maintain a record of the inspections in the office of the State Fire Marshal.

(2) In addition to any installation or inspection fee, the State Fire Marshal may charge a plan review fee, not to exceed \$100, for any liquid petroleum gas container and receptacle plan review required under a uniform fire code prescribed by the State Fire Marshal by rule.

(3) After the initial installation, liquid petroleum gas containers may be inspected once every 10 years except when changes have been made in the original installation. An installer making changes must notify the State Fire Marshal of the changes in the same manner provided in this section for new installations. The State Fire Marshal shall collect from the owner a fee of \$35 for the inspection of each container. The manner of inspection, requirement of corrections, satisfaction of requirements and collection of fees due and payable must conform with the provisions of ORS 480.410 to 480.460 for new installations. Upon request of the State Fire Marshal, LP gas installation licensees shall furnish a list of the locations of 10-year old installations that they service.

(4) If, upon inspection of any tank, the new installation does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal shall instruct the installer as to what corrections are necessary for compliance with the State Fire Marshal's requirements. The installer of the new installation shall, within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after notification, notify the State Fire Marshal

that the new installation complies with the requirements of the fire marshal. If the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal has reason to believe that the corrections have not been made, the State Fire Marshal shall reinspect the new installation and shall collect from the installer an additional fee of \$24. The user, not the installer, shall pay the additional fee resulting from actions of the user that require correction to achieve compliance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

(5) A person who receives notice from the State Fire Marshal, must correct any improper installation within the time set by the State Fire Marshal, not to exceed 60 days after receipt of the notice.

(6) If the fees provided for in this section are due and payable and are not paid within 30 days after service of written notice by the State Fire Marshal therefor, or if the installer fails to notify the State Fire Marshal by the last day of the month succeeding the month a new installation is made or a change is made requiring an inspection, the fees are delinquent and a penalty equal to the greater of 10 percent of the fee amount or \$15, is imposed for the delinquency. The State Fire Marshal shall collect all fees and penalties in the name of the State of Oregon in the same manner that other debts are collected.

(7) The provisions of this section do not apply to liquid petroleum gas installations if made entirely within the jurisdiction of a governmental subdivision granted the exemption provided by ORS 476.030 (3) and written evidence of the licensing of the installation by the approved authority is submitted to the State Fire Marshal. The provisions of this section do not apply to LP gas installations made in manufactured dwellings or recreational vehicles that are constructed or altered in accordance with applicable rules of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. [Amended by 1953 c.228 §4; 1957 c.712 §8; part renumbered 480.460; 1967 c.417 §31; 1973 c.832 §17; 1987 c.346 §4; 1987 c.414 §159a; 1993 c.18 §124; 1993 c.185 §33; 1995 c.79 §294; 1995 c.305 §1; 1999 c.558 §3]

480.460 Disposition of fees. All fees received by the State Fire Marshal under ORS 480.200 to 480.290 and 480.410 to 480.460 shall be paid by the fire marshal to the State Treasurer monthly and shall constitute and be an appropriation available for the payment of salaries and expenses of deputies and clerical and other assistants of the State Fire Marshal. [Formerly part of 480.450; 1973 c.832 §18]

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PENALTIES

480.990 Penalties. (1) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.010 to 480.040 is a Class B violation.

(2) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.050, 480.060 or 480.290 is a Class C misdemeanor.

(3) Violation of ORS 480.070 is a Class A misdemeanor.

(4) Violation of ORS 480.085 is a Class B violation.

(5) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.110 to 480.165 is a Class B misdemeanor. Violations thereof may be prosecuted in state or municipal courts when violations occur within the municipality served thereby. Justice courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts in all proceedings arising within ORS 480.110 to 480.165.

(6) Subject to ORS 153.022, violation of any provision of ORS 480.210, 480.215, 480.235 and 480.265 or of any rule or regulation adopted under ORS 480.280 (1) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(7) Violation of any provision of ORS 480.420 to 480.460 is a Class B violation.

(8) Subject to ORS 153.022, violation of any provision of ORS 480.510 to 480.670, or any rule promulgated pursuant thereto, is a Class A misdemeanor. Whenever the Board of Boiler Rules has reason to believe that any person is liable to punishment under this subsection, it may certify the facts to the Attorney General, who may cause an appropriate proceeding to be brought.

[Subsection (4) of 1963 Replacement Part enacted as 1961 c.722 §3; subsection (10) enacted as 1961 c.485 §24; subsection (4) enacted as 1963 c.384 §3; 1965 c.602 §24; subsection (3) enacted as 1967 c.417 §22; subsection (7) enacted as 1971 c.518 §25; 1983 c.676 §22; 1985 c.165 §3; 1987 c.158 §111; 1991 c.863 §59; 1999 c.1051 §193]