

**Town of Embden**  
**Local Plumbing Inspector**  
*Job Description*

**Nature of work:** Work involves skilled activities in the inspection and enforcement of plumbing, environmental, and related codes pursuant to State and Local Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Local plumbing inspectors inspect all internal and external plumbing for which permits are granted within their respective municipalities to ensure compliance with state rules and municipal ordinances.

**Supervision Received:** This is an appointed position. Work is performed under the direction of the Selectmen.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Inspects all Internal and external plumbing for which permits are granted within the municipality to ensure compliance with state rules and municipal ordinances.
- Inspects all plumbing for which permits are granted to insure compliance with minimum standards for safety and health.
- Prepares accurate inspection reports which summarize general conditions.
- Performs site reviews and describes proper corrective action if needed. In most cases, informal hearing is held with owner/contractor to make them aware of problem.
- Maintains active and accurate indexes, and individual case files.
- Makes permanent records in the field relative to the information necessary to establish a value for rehabilitation.
- Attends and provides a report at the regular scheduled Selectmen's meetings bi-monthly (*every two months minimum*).
- Communicates with the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board, and contractors and performs related work as required.

**Requirements of Work:**

- Knowledge of all types of plumbing systems in various stages of construction.
- Maine law (30-A MRSA, chapter 185, subchapter III) requires that local plumbing inspectors permit and inspect the installation of subsurface wastewater disposal systems.
- Knowledge of methods and techniques of inspection and checking plans and blueprint specifications.
- Considerable knowledge of state and local zoning ordinance provisions and ability to interpret same.
- Utilization of resources from the State Planning Office for Local Plumbing Inspectors.
- Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.
- Ability to recognize code violations and to take appropriate enforcement action.
- Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, and the ability to follow thru on jobs to their completion.
- Ability to complete difficult inspection work and the ability to work in all types of adverse weather conditions.
- Ability to perform various inspections on a variety of existing and new structures in all stages of construction.
- Ability to deal with the public firmly and courteously under adverse or strained conditions.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with owners, contractors, tenants, property managers and other Town officials under adverse or strained conditions.

**Training and Experience Required:** Experience in building construction and inspection work. Considerable knowledge of planning and zoning principles, legal interpretation, methods of construction and technical plumbing code interpretation.

**Necessary Special Requirements:**

- State law requires that an individual appointed to the position of local plumbing inspector (LPI) must hold certification prior to appointment and must be recertified every six years.
- Must have a valid State of Maine Class C Motor Vehicle Operator's License and a vehicle available for job use.

*The Town of Embden considers applicants for all appointments without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job related medical condition or handicap, or any other legally protected status.*