

CITY OF GERING PLUMBING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

THE CITY OF GERING PLUMBING BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 5:15 P.M.** IN THE GERING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1025 "P" STREET, GERING, NEBRASKA.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Open Meetings Act - Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 84, Article 14

As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room.

3. Approval of the September 11, 2025 Minutes

4. Current Business

- a. Review and consider approval of application for Master Mechanical License – Oswald Beraun Jr.

5. City Building Inspector Report (Information only)

6. OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by the Plumbing Board regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

7. Adjourn

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GERING PLUMBING BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2025

A meeting of the City of Gering Plumbing Board was held in open session on September 11, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Gering City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering, NE. Present were Board Members Mathew Beebe (arrival 5:19 p.m.), Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer, Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo. Also present was Engineer Annie Folck, Attorney Jim Ellison, Captain Jason Rogers, Josh Rexus, Merle Russell, and Administrative Support Specialist Karen Heins.

1. Call to Order

Board Member Vance called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and roll call was taken.

2. Open Meetings Act

Board Member Vance reviewed the Nebraska Revised Statutes Chapter 84, Article 14, which requires at least one copy of the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Star Herald, the designated method of giving notice. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the Media and Board Members. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

3. Approval of the July 21, 2025 Minutes

Board Member Schlaepfer moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2025 regular meeting. It was seconded by Board Member Davies. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer, and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo, Mathew Beebe.

4. Current Business

a. Review and consider approval of application for Journeyman Plumber License – Jeff Gehrt

Board Member Schlaepfer noted that Mr. Gehrt's documentation was complete. The submitted materials included records of his apprenticeship with Independent from 2022 to the present, relevant references, and documentation of his journeyman with gas pass test results dated August 6, 2025. Based on the information provided, Board Member Schlaepfer concluded that Mr. Gehrt met all the necessary requirements.

Board Member Schlaepfer moved to approve granting a Journeyman Plumber License to Jeff Gehrt. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vance. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo and Mathew Beebe.

b. Review and consider approval of application for Master Mechanical License – Matt Craft

Board Member Schlaepfer stated that he had reviewed the application and raised a few questions regarding the applicant's work history. He noted that the experience listed was from Fire and Ice, Bishop Heating and Air, and Craft Heating & Cooling. He questioned whether Fire and Ice was still an active business, as it was listed under the applicant's experience.

Board Member Vance responded that Craft Heating & Cooling is the applicant's own company and acknowledged that Fire and Ice likely no longer exist. He added that the applicant primarily works in Wyoming and occasionally completes jobs in Gering, noting that the last known install locally occurred approximately two years ago, coinciding with the last license renewal.

Board Member Schlaepfer confirmed that the applicant has continuously held the master license throughout this period and noted the situation as straightforward.

Board Member Mike Davies expressed his agreement.

Board Member Schlaepfer moved to approve granting a Master Mechanical License to Matt Craft. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vance.

On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer, Mike Davies and Mathew Beebe. Absent: Lucan Palomo.

c. Review work histories and consider final approval for Master Mechanical Exempt Licenses

- ❖ **Mike Beebe – Big Mack HVAC**
- ❖ **Roger Rojas Sr.- Oregon Trail Plumbing**
- ❖ **Joshua Rexus – Black Hills Energy**
- ❖ **Javier Corona – T & C Air Solutions**

Engineer Annie Folck began by providing clarification regarding the current agenda item. She explained that at the previous meeting, the Board approved an exemption allowing the applicants to forgo the examination. However, following further review by legal counsel and discussions with the clerk, it was recommended that a separate agenda item be included to formally approve the licenses. This step was advised because the applicants' work histories were not submitted or reviewed at the prior meeting. Ms. Folck acknowledged that while the individuals are well-known within the small community, it was important to have formal documentation of their work histories for the record. The purpose of the current action was to approve the licenses themselves, now that all documentation was complete.

Board Member Schlaepfer asked Board Member Vance whether he had reviewed the submitted work histories. Board Member Vance confirmed that he had. Board Member Schlaepfer stated that the documentation met his expectations based on his familiarity with the applicants. He inquired whether the approvals needed to be conducted individually or could be done as a group.

Ms. Folck responded that either approach would be acceptable and noted that if there were any specific concerns about an individual applicant, the Board could choose to separate them out for individual consideration.

Board Member Schlaepfer remarked that, since the Board had already discussed the applicants at the previous meeting, this action served primarily to establish a paper trail confirming their qualifications.

Board Member Schlaepfer moved for final approval to grant Master Mechanical Exempt Licenses to the following individuals.

- ❖ **Mike Beebe – Big Mack HVAC**
- ❖ **Roger Rojas Sr.- Oregon Trail Plumbing**
- ❖ **Joshua Rexus – Black Hills Energy**
- ❖ **Javier Corona – T & C Air Solutions**

The motion was seconded by Board Member/Chairman Beebe. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Mathew Beebe, Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo.

d. Consider approval of limited licensure – Merle Russell

Engineer Annie Folck opened the discussion by clarifying a prior request concerning Mr. Russell's licensing. She stated that request was to allow Mr. Russell to perform service work only, not to include performing installations. However, after consulting with legal counsel and reviewing the code, it was determined that there is no such classification or license distinction in the current code. Furthermore, she noted that enforcing such a restriction would be difficult. Therefore, the matter before the Board was whether to reinstate Mr. Russell's license or deny it altogether.

Ms. Folck confirmed that all members had received the packet of materials related to the matter and asked Board Member Vance to begin reviewing his concerns and the photos included in the packet.

Board Member Vance began by referencing a set of photos taken during an inspection he conducted at the ROSS Building. He explained that he had been requested to perform a courtesy inspection by the City of Scottsbluff. The photos, which were provided to the Board, depicted various code issues and concerns.

Mr. Russell responded by stating that many of the photos included in the packet reflected work that was not completed by him. He specifically noted that several images showed electrical and gas line issues, which he asserted were not part of his scope of work. He estimated that approximately 75% of the issues shown were outside of his responsibility.

Board Member Vance acknowledged Mr. Russell's comment and clarified that he had been called specifically to inspect the HVAC system, which was within Mr. Russell's scope.

Mr. Russell then stated that, according to Mr. Batt, building inspector for the City of Scottsbluff, it was actually Board Member Vance who had initiated the inspection by contacting Mr. Batt. Board Member Vance disagreed with that account, clarifying that Mr. Batt had in fact contacted him directly to request the inspection.

Mr. Russell expressed having experienced numerous challenges working in Gering and responded to the comments by stating that many of the photos referenced in the inspection report were taken before the HVAC units were fully installed. He stated that the work was completed properly, had passed inspection, and were level at the time of final review.

Engineer Folck asked for clarification, confirming with Board Member Vance that Mr. Batt had in fact contacted him to perform a courtesy inspection. Vance confirmed this, stating that he, Mr. Batt, and Logan had visited the site together.

Ms. Folck inquired whether the issues noted during the inspection had to be corrected prior to the store opening. Mr. Vance confirmed that they were, and that the work shown in the photos reflected conditions prior to the work completed when called to do the inspection. He also noted that, from the time Mr. Russell had renewed his license, he was required to pull permits and request inspections. During that period, Mr. Russell pulled one permit but failed to call for an inspection on a wall furnace installation. That failure to comply led to the license being pulled.

Engineer Folck asked whether the city had followed up directly with the homeowner to verify that the work was completed. Board Member Vance confirmed that they had.

Mr. Russell responded that his office had, in fact, called the city to request an inspection, but claimed that no inspection was ever performed. He questioned whether the situation was motivated by a personal vendetta. He emphasized that he does not frequently work in Gering or Scottsbluff and had only been informed that he could speak at the meeting while in Omaha earlier that day.

Mr. Russell stated that he barely knows Mr. Vance and does not personally know any of the other Plumbing Board members. He said he tries to avoid conflict and maintain a

low profile. Regarding his limited work in the area, he noted that he had only pulled one permit in the past year. He estimated that service-related work lost over the past four months had cost his business approximately \$30,000. While not a major amount, he said it was enough to keep one employee occupied in the area as he does not travel.

Board Member Beebe asked for clarification on how the situation had escalated to the point where Mr. Russell was placed on a probationary license.

Mr. Russell explained that the probationary agreement had been negotiated by Blaze Simones on his behalf. He stated that he would not have personally agreed to such terms, citing his 25 years of experience. He expressed dissatisfaction with the arrangement and noted that while he voiced concerns at the time, he had ultimately accepted it under the impression that it was the only option available after discussions with Mr. Vance. Mr. Russell acknowledged that mistakes had been made in the past but emphasized that he learns from errors, corrects them, and moves forward. He stated that no business can satisfy every single customer, and complete perfection is unrealistic.

Mr. Russell then referenced local companies with high customer ratings, including Gering Valley and Big Mac, and emphasized that his company was offering competitive installation prices. He shared that following the COVID-19 pandemic, his business was impacted with the loss of good employees along with additional staffing challenges, including issues with drugs and poor behavior. He acknowledged at the time he did not have the time capacity to manage those issues effectively. He stated that conditions had improved in 2023 and had hired more capable and reliable employees. He added that he is now more involved in his operations than he was at the time of the ROSS building project. Mr. Russell highlighted his successful inspections across multiple states, including Illinois, Washington, Indiana, Iowa, and throughout eastern Nebraska. He noted that he seldom works locally, which contributes to his frustration over the scrutiny.

Mr. Russell concluded by reiterating that he found the probationary license both unwarranted and insulting. He said that had he been able to negotiate directly with Mr. Vance, they might have reached a better resolution. He stated that attempts to contact Mr. Vance since then had been unsuccessful, as his calls had not been returned. Mr. Russell emphasized that he does not harbor ill will and is willing to correct any issues identified, and noted that everything was corrected on this project.

Board Member Beebe stated that he did not believe any personal vendetta existed against him from any member of the Board. Beebe clarified that all prior discussions and actions taken had been based on documented facts from work performed by Mr. Russell's company. He emphasized that the Board's primary goal is to protect the City and its citizens from potentially dangerous situations.

Mr. Beebe continued by noting that while Mr. Russell had stated he was passing inspections in other jurisdictions, the act of passing inspections requires that they be called in—and calling in inspections had been a key stipulation of his probationary status. Beebe explained that the intent behind that requirement was to ensure compliance with the same rules expected of all contractors, and that when those steps were not followed, it placed the Board in a difficult position.

Mr. Russell responded that he had called in the inspection for the only job he performed in Gering during the relevant period.

Mr. Beebe questioned how much time had passed between completion of the work and the City learning that the inspection had not been called in. Mr. Vance responded that he had contacted the homeowner directly to follow up. Mr. Beebe suggested that if it had been months without confirmation, he would have expected more proactive follow-up.

Mr. Russell explained that he had left the responsibility to his office to follow up as he had been too busy. He noted that his current role is more managerial.

Beebe replied that this was exactly the concern, that being too busy to ensure compliance created risks. He emphasized the importance of contractors managing their operations effectively to allow inspectors to do their part—either approving or denying work based on proper inspection. He reiterated that the process relies on the contractor fulfilling their responsibility, which includes calling in inspections. Whether or not the inspection was actually requested, Beebe said, the City's records did not reflect it, and that gap created a breakdown in trust.

Mr. Russell stated that on other projects, specifically referencing Scottsbluff, he pulls permits every time and calls in inspections, and had even attempted to call in for one earlier that same day. He emphasized that he pulls a permit and calls in an inspection every time he does work there and that he applies that same process across all jobs. He said he does very little work in Gering—only one job in the past year. He added that he doesn't sell a lot in Gering.

Beebe responded that even if Mr. Russell only had one job, being on a probationary license made it even more critical that all requirements were clearly and notably completed. He explained that if a contractor were managing a hundred jobs, it might be understandable to miss one inspection. However, in this case, with only one permitted job in a year, it was concerning that the inspection step had not been verifiably completed. Beebe expressed concern about the Board's ability to trust future compliance given this history.

Beebe also noted that while some of the issues identified in the photos may have been corrected, he had personally observed multiple instances of unsafe or concerning work.

He stated that he had been on jobs where he felt the installations were outright dangerous and had, in some cases, shut down the systems himself. These incidents, he explained, were part of the reason the Board had previously sought to place closer oversight on Mr. Russell's work.

He clarified that the Board was not assuming Mr. Russell would intentionally do substandard work, but that, as with any contractor, mistakes can happen—and inspections are one of the safeguards in place to protect the public.

Mr. Russell acknowledged that he had gone through a period two to three years prior, during which time he had employed individuals who were not up to company standards. He stated that he had since made changes and has also addressed issues more directly with customers. He added that while some customers are simply difficult to satisfy, he had made a consistent effort to improve both service and performance in the past few years.

Engineer Folck noted that staff had reached out to others in an effort to gather a full picture of Mr. Russell's work history and performance. As part of that effort, Black Hills Energy was contacted to determine whether they had any relevant information or concerns to share.

Josh Rexus, a Service Specialist with Black Hills Energy, addressed the Board and read from his signed written statement.

"My name is Josh Rexus and I'm a service specialist at Black Hills Energy. I mentioned I had some notes. At 27 Michaels Street in Terrytown, was the most recent one and I did contact Jeff (Vance) about this. He had done an install new furnace and AC and the customer complained of gas smell downstairs. So, I went down there and took my combustible gas indicator and found readings on one of the gas pipes. As I was tightening one, I noticed there were multiple other ones and I believe I found five of them I could turn with my hand. And I don't believe he used the right gas dope or pipe dope for the install because as I turned it, it was cracking and falling. It was almost like something for PVC glue instead of gas or pipe dope in general. So, I fixed all those and then I called Jeff.

One I do remember from a couple of years ago, it was 1301 East 12th Street. And I'm not sure if this is code or not but he put a ventless gas wall heater in someone's basement bedroom. So, there's no way for fresh air to get in; no way for anything to happen. So luckily, I went in there; I was there for another reason to work on their floor furnace; and was just downstairs looking at stuff and peaked my head in there and saw it. I disconnected it; capped it; gave the customer a red tag saying you shouldn't do this. It's in your bedroom; you could not wake up.

I've been to Mr. Russell's personal house a couple of times for relights because we'd disconnect his gas and he had a ventless heater in his living room. So, I disconnected it. If I see it, I'm going to shut it off because I don't want to be the last guy that was there and saw it and just left it. On the tag on these ones, it says they're meant to be in an area where fresh air is constantly coming in. Well, if you're going to use a heater, you're not going to constantly have your window open in the winter time. They are mainly used for shops, garages, or stuff like that where you can crack a door or window open, where you're just trying to take the chill off.

I've been at Mr. Russell's shop. There are two furnaces on his shop and they are both powered by an extension cord into an outlet. Code is to have SSU of the fuse and then the exhaust on it; the venting size was correct on it but where they T into each other instead of Y, where your power-vented, it's got to be a Y not a T."

During Mr. Rexus' testimony, Mr. Russell interjected with a personal question directed at Mr. Rexus. He asked whether Mr. Rexus was the same individual who had allegedly used inappropriate language toward his fiancée during a previous site visit.

Mr. Rexus responded, denying that he had made the alleged comment and stating instead that Mr. Russell had been yelling at him over the phone during that interaction. Mr. Russell disagreed, asserting that he does not raise his voice and reiterated his claim that inappropriate language had been used toward his fiancée.

The exchange became briefly contentious, with both parties defending their actions during the prior encounter. Mr. Rexus clarified that he had disconnected the appliance in question during that visit because he believed it posed a safety risk. Mr. Russell responded that the appliance was rated appropriately for which it was installed. Mr. Rexus emphasized that his decision to disconnect the unit was based on personal responsibility and safety, explaining that he did not want to be the last person to inspect the unit if something were to happen.

Board Member Beebe interjected to ask whether the appliance in question had ever been inspected. Mr. Russell replied that it had not as the site was in Minatare, Nebraska.

Mr. Rexus proceeded to read the remainder of his statement: "There is one I couldn't remember the address, but it's a trailer park in Morrill straight south of the Kwik Stop. They were doing a furnace for a little old lady. They sold her a used furnace and she said it took them two weeks to do the job, when I myself personally can do one of those in a day. She had called us to come figure out what was wrong with it after they had just installed it two weeks ago, there was no gas shut off within the cabinet, there was no union so that means they had been turning off the gas meter behind the house, the condensation trap coming from the furnace, this particular one, was a clear one, clear tube that makes a U shape that is supposed to go down, it was broke. Nothing was

hooked up. There was no shut off switch within sight in the cabinet at this house. You had to find the breaker and in a trailer house it's usually in the closet at the back of the house. And pretty sure that for code it has to be within sight of the unit. I know on air conditioners it is.

A lot of the other stuff I've heard is from other techs so it's probably just hearsay and not sure how that will stand in court. But it's just a lot of venting about gas issues we have had with them. Constantly being called back on leaks; they're just not double checking themselves. Like anyone can do an install and get by with it but you can still change gas fittings and ventilation is still part of service. Still something that can hurt somebody."

Mr. Ellison asked Mr. Rexus to provide additional detail about the specific safety issues he had encountered and the potential consequences had those issues not been addressed. Mr. Rexus responded that, in his experience, there appeared to be a general lack of accountability and failure to double-check work. Mr. Ellison and Board Member Vance asked for further clarification about what could have occurred in such situations. Mr. Rexus explained that ventless wall heaters displace oxygen in enclosed spaces, posing a risk of carbon monoxide (CO) exposure. He stated that symptoms of CO poisoning can begin with headaches, nausea, and vomiting, and that individuals exposed while sleeping may not wake up. He referenced a prior CO-related fatality in Gering—though not exactly the same situation to this case—as an example of the danger.

Mr. Rexus estimated that the unit in question likely operated at around 15,000 BTUs, equating to the heat of approximately 15,000 candles burning in a space. He also reiterated that uncorrected gas leaks could potentially lead to explosions or fire, depending on the severity and environment.

Board Member Schlaepfer added that he and others had followed up on jobs related to Mr. Russell where work was either incomplete or unsafe, even though customers had already paid for the work. He emphasized that consistent inspections and accountability are necessary to uphold industry standards and public safety. Schlaepfer stated that while he understands staffing issues can occur, the ultimate responsibility lies with the business owner. He explained that he personally oversees his install crews, ensures permits are obtained, and inspections are completed properly.

He expressed strong opposition to reinstating the license in question, based on the number and severity of issues observed. Mr. Schlaepfer concluded that he would not support reinstatement under any circumstances.

Board Member Beebe concurred, echoing concerns about dangerous conditions he had personally witnessed—including loose gas piping and unvented furnaces. He reinforced the need for direct oversight, proper permitting, and inspection protocols, regardless of whether the business owner is on-site or working elsewhere.

At this point, Mr. Russell stated, "It's pretty clear where this is going," and indicated that he had no further comments.

Board Member Schlaepfer moved to deny Mechanical Licensure to Merle Russell. Board Member Vance seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Mathew Beebe, Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo.

5. City Building Inspector Report (Information only)

Engineer Folck noted that the team is continuing to work through applications and that another meeting will need to be scheduled. Staff proposed either Wednesday, September 24 or Thursday, September 25 as potential dates. The Board members agreed that Wednesday, September 24 would be suitable.

6. New Business:

a. Fat, Oil, Grease Program Discussion

Board Member Vance introduced for discussion the topic of developing a fats, oils, and grease (FOG) program similar to the one in Scottsbluff. Engineer Folck explained that the program would require restaurants and other establishments with grease traps to submit periodic documentation confirming regular pumping and maintenance. The program would also specify the required frequency of cleaning and include a tracking component to ensure compliance. She stated that Gering has not previously had a formal FOG program, and due to recurring issues—particularly near the Taco John's area—she emphasized the need to implement one.

Board Member Vance commented that the implementation of such a program could alleviate the burden on city maintenance crews, referencing recent issues in the area behind Taco John's and Wendy's, which share a line. He noted that although Taco John's had recently installed a proper grease interceptor and new line to the city system, significant grease buildup remained. Approximately three weeks prior, city crews had spent six hours jetting the line behind Lyman Drive to clear accumulated grease.

Ms. Folck directed the board's attention to a sample reporting form from Scottsbluff, included at the back of the meeting packet. She suggested a similar form could be used in Gering. The proposed system would require establishments to verify that their grease traps are appropriately sized and to submit quarterly reports. Once traps reach a certain capacity, cleaning would be mandated.

Board Member Schlaepfer expressed support for the program, emphasizing that improper maintenance of grease traps places strain on city equipment and staff. He noted that the city has a number of restaurants just down this street that would be subject to the program, and referenced specific businesses such as JB's, China House, and the Mixing Bowl. He pointed out that while some businesses, such as McDonald's,

already have proper grease trap systems, others do not submit any documentation or notifications regarding maintenance.

Ms. Folck added that one challenge is consistency—especially when businesses change management—since newer staff may be unaware of existing responsibilities. The proposed program would create continuity and a mechanism to hold establishments accountable over time.

Board Member Beebe asked whether the city would be responsible for sending out reminders or notifications. Ms. Folck clarified that the city would not issue quarterly notices. Instead, businesses would be responsible for submitting their documentation, and the city would follow up only if reports were not received. She added that it is similar to their backflow program.

Board Member Schlaepfer reiterated that the program would help reduce operational costs and wear on city equipment, citing the extensive time and effort involved in cleaning grease-filled sewer lines. He stated that such a program would be beneficial for both preventative maintenance and operational efficiency. He also noted that new construction projects would already be subject to engineered sizing of grease traps, so documentation could begin at that point.

Ms. Folck affirmed that the city could likely obtain an editable version of the Scottsbluff form and modify it for Gering's use.

To conclude the discussion, Schlaepfer inquired whether the item required a formal vote. Ms. Folck responded that a recommendation from the Board to City Council would be helpful. If the Board supports moving forward, the next step would involve drafting an ordinance, which would then be brought before Council for approval. A formal motion from the Board would ensure the Council is aware of the Board's recommendation.

Board Member Vance moved to recommend to the City Council approval to initiate a Fat, Oil, Grease Program. Board Member Schlaepfer seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Mathew Beebe, Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo.

- 7. Open Comment:** Discussion or action by the Plumbing Board regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

There were no comments.

- 8. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Vance and it was seconded by Board Member Schlaepfer. There was no discussion. On roll call vote, the following voted "AYE": Mathew Beebe, Jeff Vance, Josh Schlaepfer and Mike Davies. Absent: Lucan Palomo.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mathew Beebe, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Heins, Administrative Secretary

Commercial • Residential Contractors

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Jeff Vance
Building Inspector
City of Gering
1025 P Street
Gering, Ne

September 3, 2025

Subject: Oswaldo Beraun Jr., Master Mechanical License

To Jeff Vance and the Licensing Board of the City of Gering, Nebraska,

I am writing to request that Oswaldo Beraun Jr. (Ozzie) be considered a Master Mechanical for Snell Services, Inc. Attached is a copy of his recent Official Test Results from ICC. Also attached is a copy of his Journeyman card.

Many of you already know Ozzie and I'm confident he will easily meet your requirements / conditions and go beyond what's expected. Feel free to reach out if you have any other questions about his qualifications.

Sincerely,



Mark Schanou
Human Resources
Snell Services, Inc.
(402) 803-9230



CITY OF GERING APPLICATION FOR MECHANICAL LICENSE

(Incomplete applications will not be considered)

The undersigned hereby makes application for a license in accordance with Ordinance No. 2157, Chapter 119: Mechanical Contractors.

Please **check all** that are being applied for:



Master Mechanical



Apprentice Mechanical



Journeyman Mechanical



Gas Fitter

Attach credentials, certifications, letters, affidavits and test results to application.

1.

Applicant Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Beraun, Oswaldo Martin

Applicant Address (Street)

2906 Avenue F

Applicant (City, State, Zip)

Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Applicant Email Address

ozzie.beraun@snellservices.com

Applicant Phone Number

308-562-7675

Current Employer's Business Name and Address:

Snell Services, Inc

Current employer's Phone Number:

2220 West Front Street
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

2. EDUCATION - College(s) or Trade School(s) attended:

Name of School

Program Completed

Date graduated

School Address (City/State)

Name of School

Program Completed

Date graduated

School Address (City/State)

3. EXPERIENCE RECORD - Current and Former Employer's

NOTE: Letters or affidavits from employers must be attached.

Name and Addresses:

(Starting with the **most recent** first)

Position Held:

(Master, etc.)

Dates:

(From - To)

a.

2220 West Front Street
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

Journeyman

April 26th, 2025
Current

b.

2906 Avenue F
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Journeyman
Apprentice

July 1997
March - 30, 2025

c.

Date Issued:

a. _____

b. _____

A horizontal number line with arrows at both ends. It is marked with numbers from 0 to 100 in increments of 10. A point is marked at 25. A bracket is drawn below the line, spanning from 0 to 25. Below this bracket is the label "25%".

4. PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Please provide the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of at least three individuals who are not related to you and are not employed by your current employer, who can verify the accuracy of the information provided above.

Name: _____

Email Address:

Contact Number:

a. Left Lane

b.

C.

~~Applicant's Signature~~

Date _____

Date 3, 25

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

License Number: _____

Date License was Granted: _____

Date Paid: _____

☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Credit Card

Receipt Number: _____

SIGNATURE OF LICENSEE

City of Gering, Nebraska
KNOW YE BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT
OSWALDO M. BEREAN
IS HEREBY GRANTED LICENSE

as **JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

DATE ISSUED 05-01-2025

L. M. J. Wright
GERING CITY CLERK
LICENSE NO. SS JP-03

SIGNATURE OF LICENSEE

City of Gering, Nebraska
KNOW YE BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT
OSWALDO M. BEREAN
IS HEREBY GRANTED LICENSE

as **JOURNEYMAN MECHANICAL**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

DATE ISSUED 05-01-2025

L. M. J. Wright
GERING CITY CLERK
LICENSE NO. SS JM-01



OFFICIAL RESULTS REPORT

G29 - Master Mechanical



Name: Oswaldo M Beraun
Address: 2906 Avenue F
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Candidate ID: ICNON166991
Date: 08/27/2025

EXAMINATION RESULT: **PASS**

Congratulations! You have passed this examination.

Next Steps: Contact your jurisdiction to check what other local requirements you may need to obtain your license. A passing score on this examination satisfies the testing requirements for licensure only and does not guarantee that licensing will be granted.

Need to update your name or address on file? Your ICC email address is the Pearson VUE email address used to register for this ICC Contractor/Trades examination. Login to your myICC account to update your candidate demographic information (Address, Phone Number, Email, and Legal Name). Visit support.iccsafe.org and search *Demographics* for a step-by-step guide.

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Registration Number: **514684770** Validation Number: **330364201**