

19. **Installation and Repair of Gas Piping**—(a) It shall be unlawful for the gas company, and for the manager, superintendent, or other person in charge of the gas company's business in Houston, to turn the gas into said pipes until said pipes have been inspected both by the gas company and the City Plumbing Inspector and the gas company has the certificate of that officer that the piping is sufficient and that the gas can be turned on, and it shall be a separate offense, both in the gas company, and in the superintendent, manager, or other person, for each day that the gas is permitted to be turned into said pipes without having said certificate; provided, that if an original installation, or if an extension or alteration of any existing gas piping in the building is less than 25 feet in length, and is entirely exposed, it shall not be necessary to obtain an inspection by or certificate from the Plumbing Inspector before turning on the gas; provided, that in every case of installation or repair of gas pipes in a building the gas company, at installation or repair, and before furnishing gas through the repaired or installed pipes, shall give the Plumbing Inspector a notice in writing, stating the installation or repair made, the extent of the same; whether covered or uncovered; the date made; the name of the property owner, and description of the property; and it shall be an offense to fail to give said notice, in any case, where the facts are known to the gas company or its employees.

(b) For such inspection a fee of \$1.00 shall be paid by the owner of the property; and same shall be made before the pipes are covered up by cement masonry, planking or otherwise covered. In making such inspection the Plumbing Inspector shall require that all gas pipes be laid to grade, so that condensation will drain from the system to the gas meter, or drips, or pockets, or other place provided, where said condensation can be removed. If there are over ten openings ten cents additional inspection fee shall be paid for each opening.

(c) The City Plumbing Inspector shall test the pipes thoroughly with a gas fitter's proving pump, and ascertain that they contain no leaks, and he shall see that neither in the installation of gas pipes, or in the repair of same, is any gas fitter's cement, coal tar, putty or other substances used in covering up defects in pipes or fittings, but in every case defective pipe and fittings shall be taken out and repaired by sound pipe and fittings, and said inspector shall see that all pipes installed are of ample size for the service required.