

12-3602. Water conditioning contractors; registration with city clerk; certificate; qualifications of applicant; revocation of certificate; liability insurance and surety bonds; waiver; unlawful acts. (a) Every water conditioning contractor shall be required to register with the clerk of each city in which he or she engages in business, and it shall be unlawful to engage in such business without said registration. The clerk shall issue a certificate of registration upon the contractor's satisfactory showing that he or she meets the requirements as set forth in subsections (b) and (c) below: Provided, That should the contractor show proof of registration in another city in this state, the clerk may issue a certificate forthwith. Registration information shall include but not be limited to the following: (1) The name(s) and address(es) of the contractor, his or her organization(s) and place(s) of business; (2) other city or cities of registration of the contractor under this act; and (3) the city clerk holding the contractor's surety bond as required in subsection (c) below.

(b) The clerk shall issue a certificate if the contractor has not (1) been convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude or fraud, deception or misrepresentation, (2) been refused a certificate in another jurisdiction, (3) knowingly given any false statement in his or her registration; and if said contractor has complied with insurance and bond requirements as set forth in subsection (c) below. Said certificate may be revoked by the clerk should the contractor fail to maintain compliance with the above requirements.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a water conditioning contractor to engage in business in the state of Kansas without insurance and bond as set forth hereinafter. Every contractor shall be required to maintain general liability and product liability insurance in the minimum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Each contractor shall also furnish to the clerk of the first city in which the contractor registers an acceptable surety bond. Said bond shall be held by said clerk and be executed by the contractor as principal, and by a solvent corporation authorized to do business in the state of Kansas, in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall, in no event, exceed the amount of such bond. The surety on the bond shall have the right to cancel such bond upon giving thirty (30) days' notice to the city clerk of the first city in which the insured registered and thereafter shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of said cancellation. In lieu of said corporate surety bond, such contractor may file a bond signed by three (3) or more good and sufficient sureties conditioned as hereinafter provided. Said bond shall be to the state of Kansas for use and benefit of such persons as may suffer by breach thereof; and shall be conditioned that the contractor will honestly and properly conduct his or her business, that the contractor will not fail or refuse to render to a customer services as agreed between the parties and for which compensation has been paid or tendered in accordance with the agreement of the parties, and that the contractor will not violate the laws of the state of Kansas or any political subdivision thereof. The bond and insurance requirements of this act may be waived by the city clerk for any corporate water conditioning contractor who submits proof of ability to respond in damages in an amount not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) arising out of general liability and products liability claims.

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