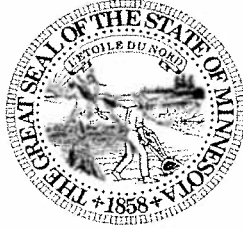


STATE OF MINNESOTA



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Thomas Pahkala**

9161 Yancy Street Northeast  
Blaine, MN 55449  
County of Anoka  
Congressional District 6

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

**METRO MUNICIPAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**PLUMBING BOARD**

Effective: September 10, 2013  
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, September 5, 2013.



*Mark Dayton*  
Governor  
*Mark Ritchie*  
Secretary of State

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Replacing: Rebecca Ames

**President of the Senate**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON**  
**STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES**  
*All information on this form is available to the public upon request.*

**Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying**  
*Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)*

**Agency Name:** Minnesota Plumbing Board **Position Sought:** Municipal Plumbing Inspector from the Metro Area  
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.) (Membership position sought or enter "member".)

*By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)*

**Part II - Tell us about Yourself**  
*Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)*

**Applicant Name:** Thomas Pahkala **Preferred Phone:** ( 763 ) 355 - 2085  
(First Name) (Last Name)  
**E-MAIL:** twpahkala@yahoo.com

**Preferred Mailing Address:** 9161 Yancy St. NE **County:** Anoka  
(Preferred Mailing Address)  
Blaine MN 55449  
(City) (State) (Zip)  
**MN House of Rep Dist:** 37B **US House of Rep Dist:** 37  
 Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:  
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony:** Yes  No  **Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application?** Yes  No

*Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.*

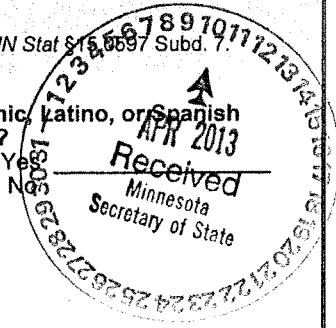
**Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

*The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)*  
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

**Sex:** Female  Male  **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disability:** Yes  No  **Political Party:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Democratic-Farmer-Labor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Independence  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Republican  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No Party Preference  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?** Yes  No

**Race:** \_\_\_\_\_ African American or Black \_\_\_\_\_ White or Caucasian  
 (Pick as many as apply) \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_ Other Race \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Asian or Pacific Islander



**Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions**

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (\*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

[Signature]  
 (Signature of Applicant)

04/07/2013  
 (Date)

**MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:**  
 Office of Secretary of State  
 Open Appointments  
 180 State Office Building  
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

**Phone:** (651) 297-5845  
**Email:** [open.appointments@state.mn.us](mailto:open.appointments@state.mn.us)  
**Online application:**  
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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To Whom It May Concern:

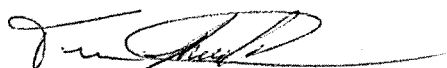
I am writing to apply for the position of board member to the Minnesota State Plumbing Board. I am confident that my skills are well aligned with the role and that I would be an excellent fit for the organization.

My skill set and industry expertise are comprehensive and up-to-date. I make it my top priority to see that what I do is done well and efficiently. My career has also seen its share of achievements; while working as an inspector at the City of Minneapolis, I have been asked to help write a new competency exam on the Minnesota Plumbing and Fuel Gas Codes.

I have learned and accomplished a great deal in my seven years of inspecting. One of my proudest moments to date occurred while I was inspector at the City of Minneapolis. In this capacity, I was responsible for a response to a spill of the sanitary sewer that occurred at the site of the Minnesota Vets Home. On this occasion, after many hours of research and coordination with multiple agencies, both public and private, the problem was discovered to be a sewer connection that was not connected to code. A solution was then reached and education of the Vets Home prevented another incident from occurring.

My background in teaching code and training in the plumbing industry would make me a valuable asset to the plumbing board. I believe my experience makes me an excellent fit for this opportunity. Enclosed is my resume for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me. I look forward to discussing this position further.

Sincerely,



Tom Pahkala

Rain Leader Disconnect Inspector

City of Minneapolis

612-685-0196

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# Thomas W Pahkala

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Blaine, MN 55449  
Phone: 763-355-2085

## Employment

2006– Present

City of Minneapolis { Environmental }  
Position: Lead Rain Leader Disconnect Inspector

### Duties:

Inspect buildings for storm water connections to the sanitary sewer and illicit discharges to the storm sewer. Ascertain possibilities of sewer-only meters for properties that require or request one. Instituting a F.O.G. program that is in preliminary stages to combat problems caused by fats, oils and greases discharged into the sanitary main. Currently working on the writing of a City of Mpls competency card exam for the Plumber/Gasfitter competency card.

2002– 2010

Dunwoody Institute  
Position: Teacher

Teach 1st and 5th year plumbing apprentices the current gas code including setting of curriculum, writing of tests, evaluating students and teaching techniques.

2003– 2006

Northeast Plumbing Co.  
Position: Owner/Plumber

### Duties:

Drew all plans for submittal for plan review, Estimate, Billing, Collections, Training, Safety, Customer Service, Lay out, Ordering of material, Installation and service of all plumbing and gas piping and appliances.

1996– 2003

Buchman Plumbing Co.

Positions: Plumber apprentice, Journeyman Plumber/Gasfitter, Master Plumber/Gasfitter, Master Gasfitter, Man–Power Coordinator, Project Manager, Estimator

### Duties:

Drew plans for submittal for plan review, Estimate, Man power coordinator, Customer Service, Lay out, Ordering of material, Installation and service of all plumbing and gas piping and appliances.

## Licenses

*State of Minnesota Plumbing Master*

*State of Minnesota Backflow Preventer Tester/ Rebuilder*

*City of Minneapolis Plumber/ Gasfitter Master*

*City of Minneapolis Gasfitter Master*

*HAZMAT Technician certified*

*Small Site Storm Water Management certified*

*HAZWOPPER Certified*

*OSHA 10 and 30*

*OSHA Confined Space certified*

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*250 South 4th St.*  
*Minneapolis, MN 55415*  
*Phone: 612-673-5821*

*Tim Urista*  
*Business Agent, Plumbers Local 15, Retired*  
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