

# City of Olean

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### RECIPROCITY

From time to time I receive calls from plumbing inspectors or plumbing contractors of other communities regarding reciprocity, between our respective licensed plumbers. In summer of 1996, the City of Olean Attorney, John Hart, wrote to the New York State Attorney General asking certain questions pertaining to reciprocity. In December of 1996, the Attorney General's office issued "Opinion No. 96-44." This opinion is available on line at the "NYS Attorney General" website. Click on "Opinions." You can search alphabetically or numerically. Choose the number search and click on 1996. Scroll down to 96-44.

Based on our interpretation of this opinion, municipalities must establish standardized examinations and other criteria before any inter-municipal agreement can be reached. The City of Olean has opted to use a nationally known testing service to formulate and administer our future master plumber examinations. We feel this method meets the requirement of standardized testing and if any other municipality were to use the same testing method it could set the stage for further talks.