FAQ’s for
Homeowners Gas Permit

1. Can I replace or install my own gas line?
   a. Yes, as a homestead owner you may acquire a permit to install your own gas line. You are not allowed to acquire the permit to allow others to do the work for you. (non-family, contractor, handyman, friend)

2. What is the minimum burial depth for a gas line?
   a. Gas lines shall be installed at least 12” deep.

3. Is Tracer Wire required?
   a. Yes, yellow insulated 18-gauge tracer wire is required with all plastic gas lines. Metal gas lines do not require tracer wires.

4. What are the pressure test requirements for gas lines?
   a. Gas lines shall be tested to at least 3 lbs of air pressure or 1½ times the working pressure for a minimum of 15 minutes. After the line is pressured, do not release the pressure, call for an inspection.

5. What size gas line do I need?
   a. Gas lines shall be sized properly by the installer, prior to acquiring a permit. The installer shall provide a pipe sizing diagram. If a diagram cannot be provided, hiring a licensed plumber is recommended. The City of Victoria will not size your system.

6. What kind of pressure gauge can I use to pressure test my gas line?
   a. A Calibrated Diaphragm Gauge.

7. What kind of pipe is allowed for gas line?
   a. Black Steel pipe with a 10 mil wrap and/or Polyethylene Plastic Pipe marked “GAS”. PVC is not allowed.

8. Are PVC lines allowed in existing buildings?
   a. Yes, existing PVC lines may remain in use as legally and originally installed, although if repairs are needed, the gas lines shall be replaced entirely with approved piping. See #7

9. Where can I purchase a Gas Gauge?
   a. Local Plumbing Supply House
   b. Contact your local plumber

If you do not understand the information on this handout, we recommend that you contact a licensed plumber to complete the work for you.