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## GAS LINE SCHEMATIC

TO BE PREPARED BY A LICENSED PLUMBER OR ENGINEER

SITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT #: \_\_\_\_\_

GAS TYPE:  PROPANE     NATURAL GAS    TOTAL BTU'S \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: \_\_\_\_\_ WATER COLUMN: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DEVELOPED LENGTH (LONGEST RUN): \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

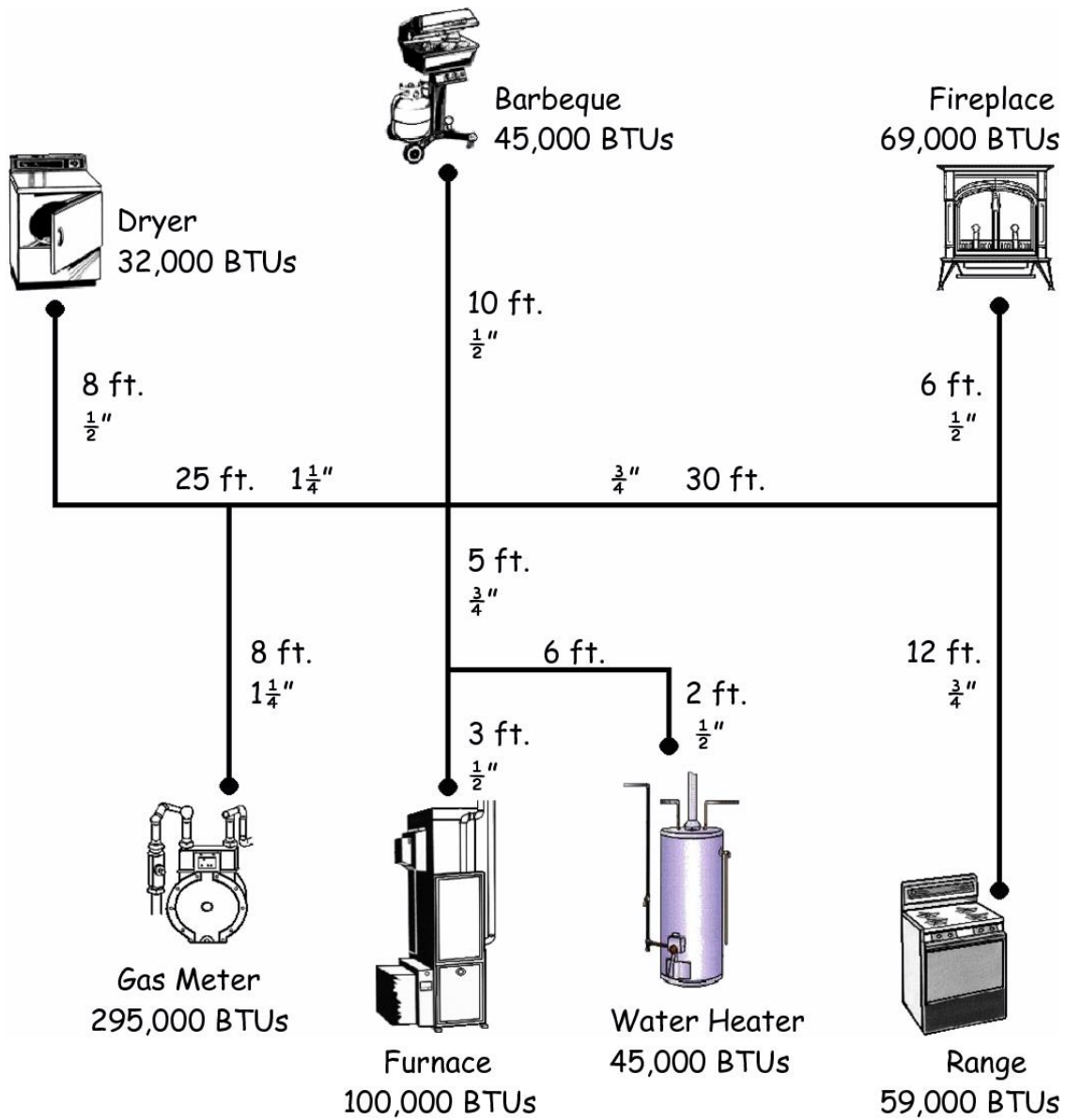
BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE#: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOW LINE DIAGRAM BELOW:**

**EXAMPLE ON BACK**

# TYPICAL GAS LINE SCHEMATIC



The total connected hourly load shall be used as the basis for piping sizing, assuming all the appliances are operating at full capacity simultaneously.

**Exception:** Sizing shall be permitted to be based upon established load diversity factors. [NFPA 54:5.4.2.3]

**TABLE 1208.4.1  
APPROXIMATE GAS INPUT FOR  
TYPICAL APPLIANCES  
[NFPA 54: TABLE A.5.4.2.1]**

APPLIANCE	INPUT (Btu/h approx.)
<b>Space Heating Units</b>	
Warm air furnace	
Single family	100 000
Multifamily, per unit	60 000
Hydronic boiler	
Single family	100 000
Multifamily, per unit	60 000
<b>Space and Water Heating Units</b>	
Hydronic boiler	
Single-family	120 000
Multifamily, per unit	75 000
<b>Water Heating Appliances</b>	
Water heater, automatic storage	
30 to 40 gallon tank	35 000
Water heater, automatic storage	
50 gallon tank	50 000
Water heater, automatic instantaneous	
Capacity at 2 gallons per minute	142 800
Capacity at 4 gallons per minute	285 000
Capacity at 6 gallons per minute	428 400
Water heater, domestic, circulating or side-arm	
	35 000
<b>Cooking Appliances</b>	
Range, freestanding, domestic	
	65 000
Built-in oven or broiler unit, domestic	
	25 000
Built-in top unit, domestic	
	40 000
<b>Other Appliances</b>	
Refrigerator	
	3000
Clothes dryer, Type 1 (domestic)	
	35 000
Gas fireplace direct vent	
	40 000
Gas log	
	80 000
Barbecue	
	40 000
Gaslight	
	2500

For SI units: 1000 British thermal units per hour = 0.293 kW

**1208.4.2 Sizing Methods.** Gas piping shall be sized in accordance with one of the following:

- (1) Pipe sizing tables or sizing equations in this chapter.
- (2) Other approved engineering methods acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

(3) Sizing tables included in a listed piping system manufacturer's installation instructions. [NFPA 54:5.4.3]

**1208.4.3 Allowable Pressure Drop.** The design pressure loss in any piping system under maximum probable flow conditions, from the point of delivery to the inlet connection of the appliance, shall be such that the supply pressure at the appliance is greater than or equal to the minimum pressure required by the appliance. [NFPA 54:5.4.4]

**1208.5 Maximum Design Operating Pressure.** The maximum design operating pressure for piping systems located inside buildings shall not exceed 5 psi (34 kPa) unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The piping system is welded.
- (2) The piping is located in a ventilated chase or otherwise enclosed for protection against accidental gas accumulation.
- (3) The piping is located inside buildings or separate areas of buildings used exclusively for one of the following:
  - (a) Industrial processing or heating
  - (b) Research
  - (c) Warehousing
  - (d) Boiler or mechanical rooms
- (4) The piping is a temporary installation for buildings under construction.
- (5) The piping serves appliances or equipment used for agricultural purposes.
- (6) The piping system is an LP-Gas piping system with a design operating pressure greater than 20 psi (138 kPa) and complies with NFPA 58. [NFPA 54:5.5.1]

**1208.5.1 LP-Gas Systems.** LP-Gas systems designed to operate below -5°F (-21°C) or with butane or a propane-butane mix shall be designed to either accommodate liquid LP-Gas or to prevent LP-Gas vapor from condensing back into a liquid. [NFPA 54:5.5.2]

**1208.6 Acceptable Piping Materials and Joining Methods.** Materials used for piping systems shall either comply with the requirements of this chapter or be acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. [NFPA 54:5.6.1.1]

**1208.6.1 Used Materials.** Pipe, fittings, valves, or other materials shall not be used again unless they are free of foreign materials and have been ascertained to be approved for the service intended. [NFPA 54:5.6.1.2]

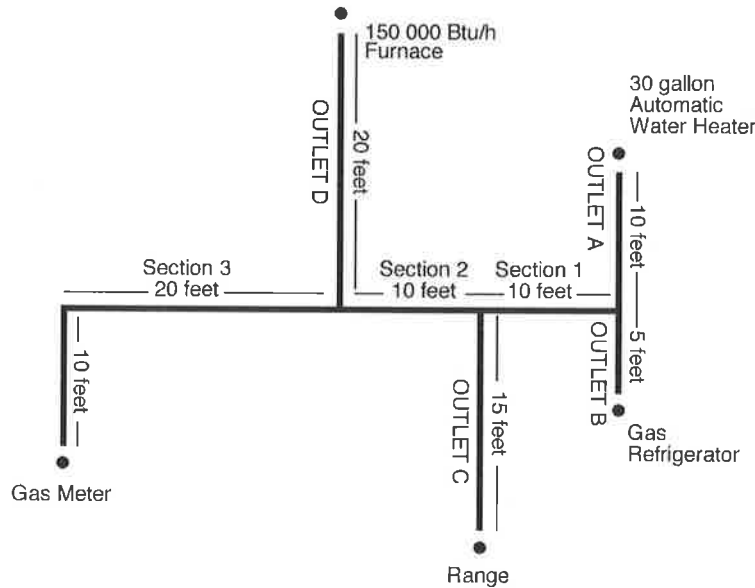
**1208.6.2 Other Materials.** Material not covered by the standards specifications listed herein shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be investigated and tested to determine that it is safe and suitable for the proposed service.
- (2) Be recommended for that service by the manufacturer.
- (3) Be acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. [NFPA 54:5.6.1.3]

FIGURE 1215.1.1

EXAMPLE ILLUSTRATING USE OF TABLE 1208.4.1 AND TABLE 1215.2(1)

**Problem:** Determine the required pipe size of each section and outlet of the piping system shown in Figure 1215.1.1. Gas to be used has a specific gravity of 0.60 and 1100 British thermal units (Btu) per cubic foot (0.0114 kW•h/L), delivered at 8 inch water column (1.9 kPa) pressure.



For SI units: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1000 British thermal units per hour = 0.293 kW, 1 cubic foot per hour = 0.0283 m<sup>3</sup>/h

**Solution:**

- (1) Maximum gas demand of Outlet A —  
32 cubic feet per hour (0.91 m<sup>3</sup>/h) (from Table 1208.4.1).  
Maximum gas demand of Outlet B —  
3 cubic feet per hour (0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/h) (from Table 1208.4.1).  
Maximum gas demand of Outlet C —  
59 cubic feet per hour (1.67 m<sup>3</sup>/h) (from Table 1208.4.1).  
Maximum gas demand of Outlet D —  
136 cubic feet per hour (3.85 m<sup>3</sup>/h) [150 000 Btu/hour (44 kW) divided by 1100 Btu per cubic foot (0.0114 kW•h/L)].
- (2) The length of pipe from the gas meter to the most remote outlet (Outlet A) is 60 feet (18 288 mm).
- (3) Using the length in feet column row marked 60 feet (18 288 mm) in Table 1215.2(1):  
Outlet A, supplying 32 cubic feet per hour (0.91 m<sup>3</sup>/h), requires ½ of an inch (15 mm) pipe.  
Section 1, supplying Outlets A and B, or 35 cubic feet per hour (0.99 m<sup>3</sup>/h) requires ½ of an inch (15 mm) pipe.  
Section 2, supplying Outlets A, B, and C, or 94 cubic feet per hour (2.66 m<sup>3</sup>/h) requires ¾ of an inch (20 mm) pipe.  
Section 3, supplying Outlets A, B, C, and D, or 230 cubic feet per hour (6.51 m<sup>3</sup>/h), requires 1 inch (25 mm) pipe.
- (4) Using the column marked 60 feet (18 288 mm) in Table 1215.2(1) [no column for actual length of 55 feet (16 764 mm)]:  
Outlet B supplying 3 cubic feet per hour (0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/h), requires ½ of an inch (15 mm) pipe.  
Outlet C, supplying 59 cubic feet per hour (1.67 m<sup>3</sup>/h), requires ½ of an inch (15 mm) pipe.
- (5) Using the column marked 60 feet (18 288 mm) in Table 1215.2(1):  
Outlet D, supplying 136 cubic feet per hour (3.85 m<sup>3</sup>/h), requires ¾ of an inch (20 mm) pipe.

**TABLE 1215.2(1)**  
**SCHEDULE 40 METALLIC PIPE [NFPA 54: TABLE 6.2(b)]<sup>1, 2</sup>**

														GAS: NATURAL													
														INLET PRESSURE: LESS THAN 2 psi													
														PRESSURE DROP: 0.5 in. w.c.													
														SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 0.60													
														PIPE SIZE (Inch)													
NOMINAL:	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	2	2½	3	4	5	6	8	10	12													
ACTUAL ID:	0.622	0.824	1.049	1.380	1.610	2.067	2.469	3.068	4.026	5.047	6.065	7.981	10.020	11.938													
LENGTH (feet)	CAPACITY IN CUBIC FEET OF GAS PER HOUR																										
10	172	360	678	1390	2090	4020	6400	11 300	23 100	41 800	67 600	139 000	252 000	399 000													
20	118	247	466	957	1430	2760	4400	7780	15 900	28 700	46 500	95 500	173 000	275 000													
30	95	199	374	768	1150	2220	3530	6250	12 700	23 000	37 300	76 700	139 000	220 000													
40	81	170	320	657	985	1900	3020	5350	10 900	19 700	31 900	65 600	119 000	189 000													
50	72	151	284	583	873	1680	2680	4740	9660	17 500	28 300	58 200	106 000	167 000													
60	65	137	257	528	791	1520	2430	4290	8760	15 800	25 600	52 700	95 700	152 000													
70	60	126	237	486	728	1400	2230	3950	8050	14 600	23 600	48 500	88 100	139 000													
80	56	117	220	452	677	1300	2080	3670	7490	13 600	22 000	45 100	81 900	130 000													
90	52	110	207	424	635	1220	1950	3450	7030	12 700	20 600	42 300	76 900	122 000													
100	50	104	195	400	600	1160	1840	3260	6640	12 000	19 500	40 000	72 600	115 000													
125	44	92	173	355	532	1020	1630	2890	5890	10 600	17 200	35 400	64 300	102 000													
150	40	83	157	322	482	928	1480	2610	5330	9650	15 600	32 100	58 300	92 300													
175	37	77	144	296	443	854	1360	2410	4910	8880	14 400	29 500	53 600	84 900													
200	34	71	134	275	412	794	1270	2240	4560	8260	13 400	27 500	49 900	79 000													
250	30	63	119	244	366	704	1120	1980	4050	7320	11 900	24 300	44 200	70 000													
300	27	57	108	221	331	638	1020	1800	3670	6630	10 700	22 100	40 100	63 400													
350	25	53	99	203	305	587	935	1650	3370	6100	9880	20 300	36 900	58 400													
400	23	49	92	189	283	546	870	1540	3140	5680	9190	18 900	34 300	54 300													
450	22	46	86	177	266	512	816	1440	2940	5330	8620	17 700	32 200	50 900													
500	21	43	82	168	251	484	771	1360	2780	5030	8150	16 700	30 400	48 100													
550	20	41	78	159	239	459	732	1290	2640	4780	7740	15 900	28 900	45 700													
600	19	39	74	152	228	438	699	1240	2520	4560	7380	15 200	27 500	43 600													
650	18	38	71	145	218	420	669	1180	2410	4360	7070	14 500	26 400	41 800													
700	17	36	68	140	209	403	643	1140	2320	4190	6790	14 000	25 300	40 100													
750	17	35	66	135	202	389	619	1090	2230	4040	6540	13 400	24 400	38 600													
800	16	34	63	130	195	375	598	1060	2160	3900	6320	13 000	23 600	37 300													
850	16	33	61	126	189	363	579	1020	2090	3780	6110	12 600	22 800	36 100													
900	15	32	59	122	183	352	561	992	2020	3660	5930	12 200	22 100	35 000													
950	15	31	58	118	178	342	545	963	1960	3550	5760	11 800	21 500	34 000													
1000	14	30	56	115	173	333	530	937	1910	3460	5600	11 500	20 900	33 100													
1100	14	28	53	109	164	316	503	890	1810	3280	5320	10 900	19 800	31 400													
1200	13	27	51	104	156	301	480	849	1730	3130	5070	10 400	18 900	30 000													
1300	12	26	49	100	150	289	460	813	1660	3000	4860	9980	18 100	28 700													
1400	12	25	47	96	144	277	442	781	1590	2880	4670	9590	17 400	27 600													
1500	11	24	45	93	139	267	426	752	1530	2780	4500	9240	16 800	26 600													
1600	11	23	44	89	134	258	411	727	1480	2680	4340	8920	16 200	25 600													
1700	11	22	42	86	130	250	398	703	1430	2590	4200	8630	15 700	24 800													
1800	10	22	41	84	126	242	386	682	1390	2520	4070	8370	15 200	24 100													
1900	10	21	40	81	122	235	375	662	1350	2440	3960	8130	14 800	23 400													
2000	NA	20	39	79	119	229	364	644	1310	2380	3850	7910	14 400	22 700													

For SI units: 1 inch = 25 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 cubic foot per hour = 0.0283 m<sup>3</sup>/h, 1 pound-force per square inch = 6.8947 kPa, 1 inch water column = 0.249 kPa

**Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Table entries are rounded to 3 significant digits.
- <sup>2</sup> NA means a flow of less than 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/h (0.283 m<sup>3</sup>/h).

FUEL GAS PIPING

» TABLE 1215.2(27)  
SCHEDULE 40 METALLIC PIPE [NFPA 54: TABLE 6.3(d)]\*

		GAS: UNDILUTED PROPANE							
		INLET PRESSURE: 11.0 in. w.c.							
		PRESSURE DROP: 0.5 in. w.c.							
		SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.50							
INTENDED USE: PIPE SIZING BETWEEN SINGLE OR SECOND STAGE (LOW PRESSURE) REGULATOR AND APPLIANCE									
PIPE SIZE (inch)									
NOMINAL INSIDE:	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	2	2½	3	4
ACTUAL:	0.622	0.824	1.049	1.380	1.610	2.067	2.469	3.068	4.026
LENGTH (feet)	CAPACITY IN THOUSANDS OF BTU PER HOUR								
10	291	608	1150	2350	3520	6790	10 800	19 100	39 000
20	200	418	787	1620	2420	4660	7430	13 100	26 800
30	160	336	632	1300	1940	3750	5970	10 600	21 500
40	137	287	541	1110	1660	3210	5110	9030	18 400
50	122	255	480	985	1480	2840	4530	8000	16 300
60	110	231	434	892	1340	2570	4100	7250	14 800
80	101	212	400	821	1230	2370	3770	6670	13 600
100	94	197	372	763	1140	2200	3510	6210	12 700
125	89	185	349	716	1070	2070	3290	5820	11 900
150	84	175	330	677	1010	1950	3110	5500	11 200
175	74	155	292	600	899	1730	2760	4880	9950
200	67	140	265	543	814	1570	2500	4420	9010
250	62	129	243	500	749	1440	2300	4060	8290
300	58	120	227	465	697	1340	2140	3780	7710
350	51	107	201	412	618	1190	1900	3350	6840
400	46	97	182	373	560	1080	1720	3040	6190
450	42	89	167	344	515	991	1580	2790	5700
500	40	83	156	320	479	922	1470	2600	5300
550	37	78	146	300	449	865	1380	2440	4970
600	35	73	138	283	424	817	1300	2300	4700
650	33	70	131	269	403	776	1240	2190	4460
700	32	66	125	257	385	741	1180	2090	4260
750	30	64	120	246	368	709	1130	2000	4080
800	29	61	115	236	354	681	1090	1920	3920
850	28	59	111	227	341	656	1050	1850	3770
900	27	57	107	220	329	634	1010	1790	3640
950	26	55	104	213	319	613	978	1730	3530
1000	25	53	100	206	309	595	948	1680	3420
1100	25	52	97	200	300	578	921	1630	3320
1200	24	50	95	195	292	562	895	1580	3230
1300	23	48	90	185	277	534	850	1500	3070
1400	22	46	86	176	264	509	811	1430	2930
1500	21	44	82	169	253	487	777	1370	2800
1600	20	42	79	162	243	468	746	1320	2690
1700	19	40	76	156	234	451	719	1270	2590
1800	19	39	74	151	226	436	694	1230	2500
1900	18	38	71	146	219	422	672	1190	2420
2000	18	37	69	142	212	409	652	1150	2350

For SI units: 1 inch = 25 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1000 British thermal units per hour = 0.293 kW, 1 inch water column = 0.249 kPa

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