

ORDINANCE NO. 1414

LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ELECTRIC CODE FOR REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF ANY NEW ELECTRIC APPARATUS; REGULATING THE ENLARGEMENT, MODIFICATION OR REPAIR OF EXISTING ELECTRIC APPARATUS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS AND LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION, FEES AND APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

A. Electric apparatus. All wires, wiring, materials, machinery, appliances, equipment, fixtures and apparatus used or designed to be used in the utilization of electricity when connected with a source of electromotive force for the purpose of producing light, heat or power.

B. Electrician. The person licensed under the provisions of this chapter to install electric apparatus.

C. Install, installed or installation. The construction and placing in position for service and use of any new electric apparatus, and the alteration, modification or repair of existing apparatus.

Section 2. ELECTRICAL CODE.

Section 2.1 Adopted.

The 1975 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA No. 70-1975), standard of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, and approved by the American Standards Association, is hereby adopted as the minimum standard for the installation of all electrical apparatus, wiring, devices and equipment within the City, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, and the same is hereby made a part of this chapter as fully and to the same extent as if copied herein in full. At least three (3) copies of such code are on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2.2 Subsequent Editions.

Subsequent editions or revisions of the electrical code adopted by the provisions of this ordinance shall be considered adopted and of full force and effect within the City upon the approval thereof by the Council and the filing of three (3) copies thereof in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2.3 Standards for Installation.

All electric heat, light and power wires, fixtures, appliances, conductors, apparatus and their supports placed or installed in or upon any building or other structure in the City shall be in strict conformity with approved standards of construction for safety to life and property and in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that materials for wiring, appliances and equipment shall conform to the standards of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and shall be prima facie evidence that the same comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2.4 Extraterritorial Application.

The provisions of the Code adopted by the provisions of this article shall apply and be enforced to the unincorporated area two (2) miles beyond and adjacent to the corporate boundaries of this City with the same force and affect as if such outlying area were within the corporate boundaries of this city; except such provisions shall apply only to buildings on locations served by the City electrical system; provided no such provisions shall be extended or applied so as to prohibit, prevent or interfere with the conduct of existing farming, livestock operations, businesses or industry.

Section 2.5 Variations.

Whenever in the opinion of the electrical inspector, a variation from the code adopted by this ordinance is consistent with public safety, a special permit in writing may be issued by him, permitting such variation, and prescribing specifically the method of installation that shall be followed.

Section 3. PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

Section 3.1 Electrical Inspection.

It is hereby made the duly and responsibility of the City Building Official to enforce or direct and supervise the enforcement of this ordinance and keep accurate records thereof.

Section 3.2 Permit Required.

No person shall install any electrical apparatus within the City without first obtaining a permit therefor from the electrical inspector except for minor repair work, such as repairing flash and snap switches, replacing fuses, changing lamp sockets and receptacles, tapping bare joints and repairing drop cords.

Section 3.3 Application for Permit.

All applications for permits required by this Article shall be made on forms supplied by the City. An initial plan of the work shall be filed with the permit. If the initial plan of electrical work to be done under a permit complies in all respects with the provisions of this ordinance, the electrical inspector shall issue a permit for the installation thereof.

Section 3.4 Electrician's License Required.

No permit required by this ordinance shall be issued unless the person intending to do the installation shall possess the proper class of electrician license issued by the State of Nebraska under the authority, Sections 81-571 et seq., Revised Statutes of Nebraska (1975 Supp), for the class of electrical work planned to be done, except as noted in Section 3.5.

Section 3.5 When License Not Required.

The following acts, work and conduct shall be expressly permitted without being performed by a licensed electrician:

A. Electrical work done by persons engaged by any public service company in the construction and maintenance of their public utility system.

B. Electrical work done by any factory maintaining a competent electrical department making electrical installations upon their own premises.

C. A permit is required, but a license is not for any owner of residential property who performs work upon premises that he owns and in which he resides.

Section 3.6 Inspection, Approval Required.

No electric apparatus for the installation of which a permit is required by the provisions of this ordinance shall be used until the same has been inspected and approved by the electrical inspector.

Section 3.7 Inspection Fees.

For each electrical inspection made under the provisions of this Article, the person installing electrical wiring or apparatus shall pay fees for such inspection at the following rates:

A. For wiring, rewiring or installation of apparatus in any building or location for which a concurrent Building Permit is required..... Included in Building Permit fee.

B. For wiring, rewiring or installation of apparatus in any building or location for which a Building Permit is not required.....\$3.00.

All fees for inspection shall be made payable to the City of Lexington at the time of applying for the permit for installation.

Section 3.8 Notice for Inspection; Concealment.

It shall be the duty of the electrician installing any electrical apparatus under the provisions of this chapter to notify the electrical inspector of all electrical apparatus to be concealed in sufficient time for inspection of the same; and no electrical apparatus shall be concealed until inspected and approved by the inspector.

Section 4. REPEAL

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 5.

This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of December,  
1975.

Chas. W. [Signature]  
President of the Council

Attest:

Norris L. Warren  
City Clerk