

ELECTRICAL CODE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE STANDARD OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS FOR ELECTRIC WIRING AND APPARATUS FOR THE CITY OF COOPER, TEXAS, FOR CREATING THE OFFICE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, FOR LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC WIRING AND APPARATUS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cooper, Texas.

SECTION 1. Adoptions of Electric Code. That there is hereby adopted by the City of Cooper, Texas for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal and maintenance of electric wiring and apparatus, including permits and penalties, that certain electric code known as the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association, being particularly the 1968 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Cooper, Texas and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction, alteration, maintenance or removal of all electric wiring and apparatus within the corporate limits of the City of Cooper, Texas.

SECTION 2. Inspector. There is hereby created the office of Electrical Inspector who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation of the City Council. The Electrical Inspector shall have had at least two (2) years experience as an electrician, shall be of good moral character, shall be versed in the approved methods of electrical construction for safety of life and property and the National Electrical Code. He shall receive such compensation as the Council may decide.

SECTION 3. Duties. The Electrical Inspector, who for the purpose of this ordinance shall be known as the City Electrician, and hereinafter referred to as such, shall have the duty and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric wires or other appliances for electric lights, heat or power in the City of Cooper, Texas and to cause all such wires, appliances or apparatus to be placed, constructed, and guarded as not to cause fires or accidents, endangering life or property, and to be constructed as to keep to a minimum the loss or waste of electric current.

It shall be the duty of the City Electrician to enforce all provisions of this ordinance and he is hereby granted the authority to enter all building in the City of Cooper, Texas in the performance of his duties between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m. daily, except that in emergency and within the limits of reason, the City Electrician may enter buildings for such purposes at other than the designated hours.

It shall be the duty of the City Electrician to inspect and/or test all electrical work and equipment or apparatus for compliance with the Code whenever electric wiring, appliances, or apparatus shall be defective or hazardous through improper manufacture of improper or insufficient insulation or for any other reason, he shall at once cause the removal of such defect or defects, at the expense of the owners of such wiring, appliance or apparatus.

SECTION 4. Permits. No installation, alteration, or removal shall be made in/or of the wiring of any building or structure for light, heat or power or to increase the load of energy carried by such wires or equipment, nor shall any building or structure be wired for electric lights, appliances, motors, apparatus, or heating devices nor alterations made thereto without a written permit therefore being first obtained from the City license issuing clerk by the person, firm, or corporation having direct charge of such installation.

SECTION 5. Inspection. Upon the completion of the wiring, installation or alteration of any building or structure for light, heat, power, appliance, or apparatus, it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation having

direct charge of such to notify the City Electrician who shall, as early as possible, inspect such wiring, installation, appliance, and apparatus and if installed, altered and constructed in compliance with the permit and in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance, he shall execute a certificate of satisfactory inspection, which shall contain the date of such inspection and the result of his examination, but no such certificate shall be issued unless such electric wiring, motors, heating devices, appliances, and apparatus be in strict accord with the rules and requirements and the spirit of this ordinance, nor shall current be turned on such installation, equipment, appliance, motors, heating device, and apparatus until said certificate be issued. The amount of fee or charge to be made for such inspections and certificate to be fixed and determined by the City Council.

SECTION 6. Standards. All electrical construction, all materials, appliances, motors, heating devices, and apparatus used in connection with electrical work and the operation of all electrical apparatus within the City of Cooper, Texas shall conform to the rules and requirements of the National Electrical Code current when work is performed or equipment and apparatus installed, however, the necessity, good service and said results often require larger sizes of wire, more branch circuits, and better types of equipment than the minimum which is specified in the National Electrical Code. Therefore, the City Electrician supervising the enforcement of this code will have the responsibility and authority for making interpretations of the rules, for deciding upon the approval of equipment, materials, construction and for granting the special permission contemplated in a number of the rules and the City Electrician, where necessary, shall follow the code procedure for securing official interpretations of the code.

SECTION 7. Licensing of Electricians. Any persons, firm, or corporation desiring to engage in the business of electrical construction or of the installation of wiring and apparatus for electric lights, appliances, heating or power in the City of Cooper, shall, before doing so, obtain a license therefor, the fee for which shall be \$5.00 per year, which shall be paid into the City Treasury before such license shall become effective.

SECTION 8. Qualification. No license shall be issued until the party applying for same has given satisfactory evidence to the City Electrician of his or their ability to do said electrical work in a safe and satisfactory manner. No permit for installation or alteration of any wiring, heating devices, motors, appliances and apparatus shall be issued until the license and bond herein required have been obtained.

SECTION 9. Failure to comply. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall fail to correct any defect or defects in his or her work or to meet the required standards after having been given notice of the unfit condition by the City Electrician, within a reasonable time, shall be refused any other permit until such defect or defects have been corrected and shall be subject to revocation of license for continual defective work or either upon conviction for violation of the provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. Upon failure to comply with this ordinance, the City Electrician shall have authority, after due notice, to cut out electric current in the locality concerned.

SECTION 11. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars together with the costs of such prosecution, or by imprisonment. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 12. License to Individual. Any individual desiring to perform his own electrical work personally shall be required to obtain the regular permit for that particular job. Such work done by an individual must be done by him personally on his own particular job and not be a way of performing a service to the public generally.

SECTION 13. Conflicting Ordinance Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. Saving Clause. Nothing in this ordinance or the code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 15. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance or of the code hereby adopted shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 16. Emergency Clause. It is found as a matter of fact that an emergency exists and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Cooper, Texas that this electric code be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required in the Texas Statutes.

DATE PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk