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**ELECTRICAL CODE**

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# CHAPTER 7

## ELECTRICAL CODE

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DIVISION I  
ADOPTION

**Sec. 7.101 ELECTRICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

(1) The 2008 National Electric Code, as adopted by the Iowa Electrical Exam Board, and published by the National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts, is hereby adopted as the electrical code of the City of Ames and shall govern electrical work and installations in the City of Ames, except for such specific, higher standards and requirements as have been or may from time to time be enacted by the City of Ames. Violations of the standards of said rules, or failure to comply with the provisions of said rules shall, when occurring within the jurisdiction of the City of Ames, constitute an offense against the City of Ames.

(2) Section 334.10 of the said National Electric Code is amended by substituting the following for subsections (i) through (iii):

‘Type NM, Type NMC and Type NMS cables shall be permitted to be used in: (i) one-family dwellings and associated accessory buildings, (ii) two-family dwellings and associated accessory buildings, (iii) multi-family dwellings and associated accessory buildings. All other structures shall be wired using other methods as allowed by the National Electrical Code.’

(3) All references in the aforesaid 2008 National Electric Code to the building code shall be deemed a reference to the applicable code set out in and adopted by Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa.

*(Ord. No. 4001; 7-28-09)*

DIVISION II  
PERMITS; INSPECTIONS; FEES

**Sec. 7.201. PERMITS.**

(1) Electrical Permit Required. An electrical permit is required whenever a person intends to install electrical equipment in or upon any building or property or make any alteration or change in the wiring of any building, or in any electrical installation therein or thereon, or connect any electric current to any wires, or apparatus, except as hereinafter provided.

(2) No permit is required for the following described work:

(a) Replacement of lamps and fuses, or the connection of portable electrical equipment to permanently installed receptacles.

(b) The installation, alteration or repair of electrical equipment installed by, or for, any electrical supply agency in the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electricity.

(c) Work involved in the manufacturing, testing, servicing, altering or repairing of electrical equipment or apparatus, except that this exemption shall not include any permanent wiring.

(d) Work involved in the erection, installation, repairing, remodeling or maintenance of elevators, dumbwaiters or escalators, not including electrical equipment for supplying current to the control panel of elevators, dumbwaiters or escalators.

(e) The assembly, erection and connection of electrical equipment by the manufacturer of such equipment, but not including any electrical equipment other than that involved in making electrical connections on the equipment itself, or between two (2) or more units of said equipment.

- (f) For simple replacement of electrical fixtures such as wall plugs, and light fixtures.
- (3) Application for permit. An application shall be made in writing at the inspection division on the form provided by the city. Only master electricians from a registered electrical contractor, may apply for electrical permits, except as provided in Sec. 7.304.  
*(Ord. No. 3220, Sec. 2, 3-23-93)*
- (4) Issuance of permit. Upon approval of the application by the inspector and approval of the plans and specifications if required, the permit shall be issued and a record thereof retained in the inspection division.
- (5) Permits required for additional work. When a electrical permit has been issued for electrical work, no additional work not included in the permit may be undertaken or additional fixtures set, until the permit has been amended to include the additional work. Any additional permit fees shall be calculated in the same manner as though the total value of the permit was calculated at one time.
- (6) Expiration of permits. When a permit has been issued to do electrical work, such work shall be started within one hundred eighty (180) days from date of the permit, and be completed within one year after beginning the work, otherwise such permit is null and void and a renewal of such permit must be obtained.
- (7) Work commenced without permit. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make any installation, extension, connection or addition to the electrical system of a building in the city without first obtaining a permit to do so. This provision shall not apply to emergency work when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the inspector that such work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to apply for a permit before commencement of the work. In all such cases, a permit must be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so.  
*(Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92)*

**Sec. 7.202. INSPECTION, TESTS AND ENFORCEMENT.**

- (1) Supervision of the work. Electrical work for which a permit is required by this chapter shall be done only when a journeyman electrician or master electrician is present at the address where that work is being done and that work is done under the direct supervision of such journeyman or master electrician.  
*(Ord. No. 3514, Sec. 1, 1-26-99)*
- (2) Inspections Generally. Electrical installations or work, for which a permit is required by this code shall be subject to inspection by the Building Official, Electrical Inspector, or other designee.  
Such installations or work shall be kept accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until it has passed inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to keep the electrical installation or work in such exposed and accessible condition for inspection purposes. Neither the inspector nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expenses entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to permit inspection.  
It shall be the duty of the person doing the electrical installation or work authorized by a permit to notify the Building Official that such work is ready for inspection. Inspections shall be called for and done when the electrical installation or work has been roughed in and again when the installation or work is complete.  
The Building Official may require that every request for inspection be filed at least one working day before such inspection is desired. Such request may be in writing or by telephone.
- (3) Authority of inspector. The inspector or authorized representative shall have authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to the installation and testing of all electrical work. The inspector may revoke said permit or issue a municipal infraction at any time when such work is not being done in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or the approved plans and permit; and if such permit is revoked, it will be unlawful for any person to proceed further with said work without approval of the inspector.

(4) Right to inspect. The inspector or authorized representative shall have access to any building or upon any premises, at any reasonable time, when it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this chapter or when the inspector has reasonable cause to believe that there exists a condition which makes such building or premises unsafe as defined in this code.

(5) Destroying posted notices. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully mutilate, deface, remove or destroy any certificate or notice placed by the inspector in any building in regard to the electrical work in said building.

(6) Reinspection. A reinspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when such portion of work for which inspections is called is not complete or when required corrections have not been made.

This provision is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for inspection or reinspection.

Reinspection fees may be assessed, when the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested or for deviating from plans requiring the approval of the building official.

To obtain reinspection, the applicant shall file an application therefore in writing upon a form furnished for that purpose and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with city requirements.

In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid.

(7) Notice of final inspection. Upon the satisfactory completion and final test of the electrical system a notice of final inspection and a record of such final inspection will be retained in the Inspection Division.

*(Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

#### **Sec. 7.203. FEES.**

(1) Fees pertaining to this chapter shall be in such amounts as shall be established from time to time by resolution of the city council.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 23, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 2360, Sections 1, 2,, 12-15-70; Ord. No. 3042, Sec. 1, 3-28-89; Ord. No. 3138, Sec. 1, 7-23-91; Ord. No. 3203, Sec. 2, 12-8-92; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92)*

DIVISION III  
LICENSES/REGISTRATION

#### **Sec. 7.301. DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions of terms shall be used in the interpretation of this chapter:

(1) **Apprentice Electrician.** An apprentice electrician is a natural person, employed by a registered electrical contractor, who while learning the electrical trade is assisting in the installation, alteration or repair of electrical systems at an address where a journeyman electrician or a master electrician is present and providing direct supervision of the work being done by the apprentice, and who is the holder of a valid license as an apprentice issued by the Electrical Examining Board.

*(Ord. No. 3514, Sec. 1, 1-26-99; Ord. No. 3960, 6-24-08)*

(2) **Journeyman electrician.** A journeyman electrician is a natural person who through training and experience has acquired the requisite skill and knowledge necessary for the proper installation, alteration and repair of electrical systems and who holds a valid license as a journeyman electrician from the city and who is the holder of a valid license as a journeyman electrician issued by the City of Ames prior to July 1, 2008, or as a Class A journeyman electrician issued by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board.

(3) **Master electrician.** A master electrician is a natural person engaged in the business of electrical work, other than a journeyman electrician engaged in the actual installation, alteration and repair of electrical work, and who is skilled in the planning, superintending and practical installation of electrical systems and familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the city and the State of Iowa governing the same and who holds a valid license as a master electrician issued by the city and who is the holder of a valid license as a master electrician issued by the City of Ames prior to July 1, 2008, or as a Class A master electrician issued by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board.

(4) **Electrical Contractor.** An individual firm or corporation which performs services doing electrical installations.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 23, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96; Ord. No. 3960, 06-24-08)*

**Sec. 7.302. REGISTRATION.**

Before doing any business in the city, an electrical contractor shall register with the City Inspections Department according to the following procedure:

(1) **Conditions for Registration.** Registration as an electrical contractor shall enable the registrant to offer its services for hire provided that the registrant is or employs a person who holds a valid master electrician's license recognized by the City of Ames.

Such master electricians shall work for only one electrical contractor. In the event that the business relationship between the contractor and master electrician terminates, said contractor's registration shall become null and void thirty days after termination.

*(Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

(2) **Information to be provided.** An applicant for electrical contractor registration under this section shall provide to the Inspector the following information:

(a) The complete name, complete mailing address and telephone number of the firm or corporation.  
(b) The name, position and private mailing address of a manager or general agent of the firm or of each officer of a corporation and the registered agent for service of legal process on the corporation.

(c) The name, position and private mailing address of a person who is authorized to bind the firm in legal agreements.

(d) If the registration is to be as an individual only, the name and mailing address, street address and telephone number of the individual.

(e) The State Division of Labor registration number.

(f) Every registrant shall carry Contractor's Commercial General Liability insurance in not less than \$500,000.00 combined single limit and shall provide proof of coverage to the Building Official before registration.

**EXEMPTION:** When registrant is the property owner, proof of general liability insurance coverage of \$500,000 is required in lieu of contractor's commercial liability coverage and no state registration number is required.

(g) The names of all master electricians employed by or working for the electrical contractor.

(h) The names of all journeyman electricians working for the electrical contractor.

(i) The names of all apprentice electricians employed by or working for the electrical contractor.

(j) Other technical data and information pertaining to the work to be done as may be required by the Building Official.

Every registrant shall provide accurate information on the registration application. The electrical contractor, if an individual, shall come into the inspection office to register in person each year. When the electrical contractor is a firm, a licensed master electrician of the electrical contractor, shall come into the inspection office to register in person each year. Any changes in that information shall be reported to the office of the Building Official within ten (10) days from the date the information previously supplied has become inaccurate for any reason.

(3) **Inspector Shall Respond.** After application for registration has been received by the Inspector, the Inspector shall act promptly to issue the registration or to determine on what basis the registration may not be issued. The Inspector shall so respond not later than two weeks following application.

(4) **Expiration and Renewal of Registration.** Registration shall expire annually on January 1 and may be reactivated as long as the registration information remains accurate and proof of continued liability coverage is submitted.

(5) **Transfer of Registration is Prohibited.** No registrant under this section shall allow their registration by name or other identification to be transferred or assigned to or in any manner directly or indirectly used by any person, firm or corporation other than the one to whom issued, for any purpose.

(6) **Registration Suspended.** The Electrical Board shall have the authority to suspend any registration issued under this section for any of the following acts by the Registrant:

- (a) Continued work after the issuance of a stop order.
- (b) Initiating work in violation of the Board's decision or prior to the Board's decision.
- (c) Causing or permitting the unauthorized or prohibited use of a valid registration, by another, such as to allow the rights and privileges of registration to be applied to one not duly registered.
- (d) Judgment entries of two (2) violations of any of the provisions of this chapter committed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Such suspension of registration shall be for a time not to exceed six (6) months. After expiration of such period of time as the Board shall have designated, and after payment of any outstanding fines and routine renewal fee, if it has become due in the interim, the suspended registration shall again become valid and effective.

(7) **Registration Revoked.** The Electrical Board shall have the authority to revoke any registration issued under this section for:

- (a) Judgment entry of a violation constituting the practice of any fraud or deceit in securing (a) a license or (b) a permit.
- (b) Judgment entry of three (3) violations of this chapter committed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Such revocation of a registration by the Board shall be full and final cancellation of such registration, made effective on the date of the Board's decision. Any Registrant so judged by the Board shall not, thereafter, be allowed to be registered again in the City.

(8) **Suspension or Revocation Hearing.** In considering allegations under this section regarding suspension or revocation of a registration, the Electrical Board shall proceed upon sworn information furnished it by an official of the City, or by any person. Such information shall be in writing and shall be duly verified by the person familiar with the allegations made. The Board shall issue an order setting the matter for hearing at a specified time and place, and the Secretary of the Board, with the advice of the City Attorney, shall cause a copy of the Board's order, and of the allegation, to be served upon the Registrant by registered mail at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the hearing. The Registrant may appear in person or by counsel at the time and place named in the order and present his/her defense to the Board. The City Attorney shall provide counsel for the Board. If the Registrant fails or refuses to appear, the Board may proceed to hear and determine the charge in his/her absence. If he/she admits the allegation, or if, upon hearing, the Board finds any of the allegations to be true, it may enter an order suspending or revoking the registration. Suspension or revocation resulting from a decision of the Board shall preclude the Registrant from securing a permit for work controlled by that registration in the city, or from becoming so registered under alternated identification, as long as the suspension or revocation is in effect.

*(Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3220, Sec. 3, 3-23-93)*

### **Sec. 7.303. ELECTRICIANS' LICENSES**

(1) **Expiration/Renewal of Licenses; Transferability.** Licenses are not transferable. All licenses issued prior to January 1, 1997, shall expire the 31st day of December, 1996. Beginning January 1, 1997, licenses issued shall be valid for no more than 3 years with a single common expiration date, such that licenses issued on or after January 1, 1997, shall all expire on the 31st day of December, 1999, with similar 3 year licensing intervals thereafter.

(2) **Application for License.**

(a) **Examination Required.** Each applicant for a license either as a journeyman or master electrician shall provide a completed application for such license and shall pay an administration fee to the City Clerk. Each applicant shall take a standardized test approved by the Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals to test their qualifications and competence for the license applied for.

The Board may furnish information to the applicant of the dates and locations at which the approved standardized tests will be offered, but it is the responsibility of the applicant to register properly for and take the test.

The Board may require the applicant to furnish documentation of the score achieved on the standardized test. A score of 75 percent or above on the standardized test shall be required to pass.

(b) **Prerequisites for Licenses.** Prior to testing, applicant for a journeyman's license shall furnish proof of 8,000 hours of apprenticeship to a licensed journeyman electrician and an applicant for a master electrician's license shall furnish proof of two years experience as a journeyman electrician with a minimum of one year's experience of the two in a supervisory capacity, or equal, as determined by the Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals.

(c) **Board Action.** Should the accuracy of the application or qualifications of the applicant be questioned, the Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals shall render its judgment in the matter. Applications will remain on file for six months. If the exam is not taken in six months, a new application will be needed. A fee will be set for city

administration costs. Test fee (charged by the testing agency) and license fee will be additional.

*(Ord. No. 3220, Sec. 4, 3-23-93)*

(3) **Expediting Fee.** A expediting fee shall be assessed to any applicant seeking approval of an application except at a regularly scheduled Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals meeting.

(4) **Authorization of Issuance of License.** When the Board is satisfied that the applicant meets all of the licensing qualifications and has paid all fees, it shall authorize the inspector to notify the City Clerk of the name, address and type of license to be issued to the applicant.

(5) **Issuance of License.** The City Clerk upon receipt of written notice from the inspector of the applicants to receive licenses shall issue such licenses and retain a record thereof in the City Clerk's office. The examination fee shall not constitute payment of the license fee for the calendar year of issue. The License issued pursuant to this procedure shall be a license valid only within the City of Ames.

(6) **Renewal; Fees.** Licenses may be renewed prior to their expiration by payment to the City Clerk of a renewal fee set by the City Council to cover administrative costs, and by presentation of a certificate documenting the Licensee's completion of an approved continuing education course.

(a) An approved continuing education course shall be an 8-hour course covering the most current National Electrical Code. In lieu of that course, the Board may approve an alternative 8-hour course of continuing education covering a different subject or subjects.

Prior to attending any continuing education course, the Licensee shall apply to the Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals for prior approval of the course to receive continuing education credit. The Licensee shall submit a copy of the course outline or any other information requested by the Board to make its evaluation.

(b) Any license not renewed prior to December 31 of the expiring year shall not be renewed without reapplication.

(7) **Recognition of Licenses from Other Cities.** The Board may without examination issue a license to any electrician holding a license from another city recognized by the Board as having similar licensing standards. The Board shall adopt written procedures for determining that the licensing standards are similar and shall maintain records of those cities for which electrical licenses shall be recognized.

(8) **Recognition of Licenses issued by the State.** The City shall recognize as valid the Class A license of any electrician holding that license pursuant to licensing standards established in the Code of Iowa and administered by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board.

(9) **Licenses to be shown.** Licenses shall be carried at all times while engaged in electrical work in the City of Ames. At the Inspector's request licenses must be shown.

(10) **License Suspension.** The Board shall have the authority to suspend the license of any electrician for any of the following acts:

(a) Judgment entry of two (2) violations of any of the provisions of this chapter committed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Such suspension of license shall be for a time not to exceed six (6) months. After expiration of such period of time as the Board shall have designated, and after payment of any outstanding penalties, costs, fees and proof of compliance and routine renewal fee, if it has become due in the interim, the suspended license shall again become valid and effective.

(11) **License Revocation.** The Board shall have the authority to revoke the license of any electrician for any of the following acts:

(a) Any fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in the application or examination for an electrician's license.

(b) Judgment entry of three (3) violations of any of the provisions of this chapter committed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. Such revocation of a license by the Board shall be full and final cancellation of such license, made effective on the date of the Board's decision. Any licensee so judged by the Board shall not, thereafter, be allowed to be licensed again in the City.

(12) **Suspension or Revocation Hearing.** In considering allegations under this section regarding suspension or revocation of a license, the Board shall proceed upon sworn information furnished it by an official of the City, or by any person. Such information shall be in writing and shall be duly verified by the person familiar with the allegations made. The Board shall issue an order setting the matter for hearing at a specified time and place, and the Secretary of the Board, with the advice of the City Attorney, shall cause a copy of the Board's order, and of the allegations, to be served upon the licensee by registered mail at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the hearing. The licensee may appear in person or by counsel at the time and place named in the order and present his/her defense to the Board. The City Attorney shall provide counsel for the Board. If the licensee fails or refuses to appear, the Board may proceed to hear and determine the allegations in his/her absence. If he/she admits the allegations, or if, upon a hearing, the Board finds any of the allegations to be true, it may enter an order suspending or revoking the license. Suspension or revocation resulting from a decision of the Board shall preclude the licensee from doing any electrical work in the city as long as

the suspension or revocation is in effect.

*(Ord. No. 3220, Sec. 5, 3-23-93; Ord. No. 993, Sec. 20 - 28, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 2360, Sections 1, 1, 12-15-70; Ord. No. 3042, Sec. 1, 3-28-89; Ord. No. 3138, Sec. 1, 7-23-91; Ord. No. 3203, Sec. 2, 12-8-92; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96; Ord. No. 3960, 06-24-08)*

**Sec. 7.304. EXEMPTIONS.**

(1) No such license or registration procedure shall be required for alteration or repair work to be performed on a single family residential structure when the person performing the alteration or repair work is the owner of the structure, and has his or her legal residence there. The homeowner shall be automatically termed a Licensee/Registrant for the purposes of such a project. Notwithstanding such relief from licensing/registration, all requirements for permits for the work shall remain in force.

(2) No license or registration procedure shall be required for a mobile home dealer or the employee of a mobile home dealer to perform electrical connections in a mobile home space or within ten feet of such space, located in a mobile home park, all within the meaning and intent of Section 322B.3(5) Code of Iowa. The requirements for permits and inspections remain in effect, and the mobile home dealer shall pay the permit and inspection fees.  
*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 10, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3492, Sec. 1, 7-14-98)*

DIVISION IV  
ELECTRICAL BOARD

**Sec. 7.401. ELECTRICAL BOARD CREATED; MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT; QUORUM; AUTHORITY**

(1) Electrical Board Created. There is hereby created a Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, of three (3) members, at least one of whom shall be a Master Electrician and one shall be a Journeyman Electrician and the third shall be either a Master or Journeyman electrician or shall have professional teaching experience or study in engineering of electrical systems. Only one (1) employee, representative, or associate per business or firm shall be on the Board at a time. Two (2) of the voting Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The electrical inspector employed by the city and one person from the Building Code Board of Appeals shall be members ex officio of the Board without voting power.

*(Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96; Ord. No. 3941, 2-19-08)*

(2) Records of Board Proceedings. A record of all proceedings of the Board shall be kept which shall set forth the issues or requests submitted to the Board, the reasons for the Board's Decisions, the vote of each member, the absence of a member, and any failure of a member to vote.

(3) Authority of Board. The Board has the responsibility and authority to:

(a) Examine the practical qualifications of applicants for the licenses and certificates required by this chapter, and to rule on the qualifications of applicants prior to examination.

*(Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

(b) Act as a Board of appeals to hear appeals from decisions of an electrical inspector when it is claimed that the true intent of the electrical code has been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the code do not apply, or an equally good or better form of construction can be allowed.

(c) Review proposed changes to this chapter and make recommendation to the city council.

(d) Adopt a test or tests to be used for licensing and approve courses of continuing education.

*(Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

(e) Review and recommend to the City Council changes to local code to keep it current with the next recently published National Electrical Code.

*(Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

The Board shall have no power to waive any provision of this code. The Board shall have no authority over activity within city right-of-ways or easements. This authority is reserved to the director of the Electric Utility.

The Board shall adopt, from time to time such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry into effect the board's duties as set out in this chapter.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 11, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 2922, Sec. 1, 4-9-85; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3220, Sec. 6, 3-23-93)*

#### **Sec. 7.402. DATES OF BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board shall meet in the months of January, April, July and October of each year, or at such time and place as notified by the chairperson of the board, to examine applicants for electrical licenses or other business. Additionally, the board shall meet upon notice of the chairperson of the Board within ten (10) days of the filing of an appeal or for other necessary business.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 16, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

#### **Sec. 7.403. COMPENSATION OF BOARD.**

The members of the Electrical Board shall serve without compensation.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 14, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92)*

#### **Sec. 7.404. TERM OF OFFICE OF BOARD.**

Board members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The term of office shall be three (3) years, beginning April 1 of the fiscal year of appointment. No member who has served two (2) full consecutive terms is eligible for reappointment.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 15, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3373, 2-27-96; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96; Ord. No. 3941, 2-19-08)*

#### **Sec. 7.405. OFFICERS OF BOARD.**

The Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeal shall annually select one of its members to act as chairperson, and one to act as vice chairperson. Records of the board shall be maintained in the office of the Electrical Inspector.

*(Ord. No. 993, Sec. 12, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No. 3376, 3-5-96)*

#### **Sec. 7.406. APPEALS FROM INSPECTOR'S DECISION**

(1) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the electrical inspector affecting interpretation may request and shall be granted a hearing on the decision provided that within 15 days after the date the person received notice of the decision, an application is filed with the Inspection Division, setting forth a brief statement of the grounds for appeal. Upon receipt of the request, the inspector shall give the petitioner written notice of the date of hearing thereof at least three days before the date set.

(2) All hearings shall be public, in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa relating to government agency meetings. The hearing shall be held in accordance with rules adopted by the board and city council. At the hearing the appellant and/or agent shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The inspector shall have an opportunity to show why his/her decision should be affirmed. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. (*Ord. No. 993, Sec. 17, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92*)

**Sec. 7.407. DECISION.**

After a hearing, the board shall affirm, modify or overrule the decision of the inspector. Every action of the board shall be reduced to writing, stating its findings and reasoning, and signed by the chairperson. The decision shall be promptly filed and sent to the appellant.  
(*Ord. No. 993, Sec. 13, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92*)

**Sec. 7.408. ENFORCEMENT OF DECISION.**

The city inspector shall take immediate action to enforce the decision of the board.  
(*Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92*)

**Sec. 7.409. CODE AMENDMENTS.**

(1) Authority - the Electrical Board shall review and make recommendation on any and all proposed changes to this code. Recommendations shall be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

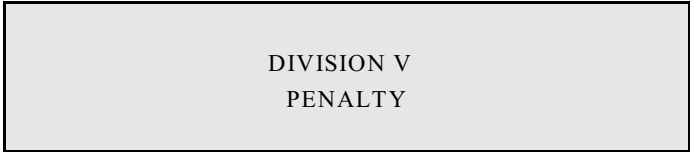
(2) Philosophy - It shall be the philosophy of the City that the local code should follow as closely as possible the national standards as established by the National Electric Code.

(3) Procedure for Amendment

(a) Any proposed change to this chapter shall initially be brought to the board of appeal for public hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

(b) Written notification of proposed changes shall be given to individuals registered with the City prior to the public hearing before the board.

(*Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92*)



**Sec. 7.501. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES PERTAINING TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE.**

A violation of any provision of Chapter 7, Electrical Code, shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty of \$500 for a person's first violation thereof, and a penalty of \$750 for each repeat violation.

(*Ord. No. 993, Sec. 28, 4-18-61; Ord. No. 2360, Sections 1, 2, 12-15-70; Ord. No. 3003, Sec. 8, 2-23-88; Ord. No. 3195, Sec. 1, 9-24-92; Ord. No 3497, Sec. 5, 8-25-98*)