

AGENDA ITEM
February 18, 2020

Subject: Chapter 11 Electrical Board

Department: Planning & Zoning

Because the administration is unable to find qualified persons willing to devote the time needed to serve on the plumbing and electrical boards the two ordinances amending plumbing and electrical procedures is suggested to provide adequate review of applicants and technical submissions and provide a reasonable avenue for due process appellate procedure.

BILL NO. 2020-017

ORDINANCE NO.

**A GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI AMENDING
CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI,
THAT:**

Section 1. Portions of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Nevada, Missouri, are amended as hereafter provided.

Section 2. Section 11-1. – Electrical Inspector, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby created the office of electrical inspector to be appointed by the city manager. The electrical inspector shall issue all electrical permits, make electrical inspections and perform all such duties as are provided by this chapter, and as are usually performed by a city electrical inspector.

(b) Additionally, the Electrical Inspector shall:

- (1) Set-up Prometric Testing for master and journeyman electricians once qualifications have been verified.
- (2) Suspend, revoke or reinstate a certificate, when it is found that the holder hereof has materially failed to comply with the minimum standards of work and equipment; has willfully violated the provisions of this chapter; has deliberately or unduly hindered or interfered with the inspection of electrical installations; has secured an electrical certification by any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for a certificate or the examination therefor.
- (3) Receive complaints or charges against any certificate holder.
- (4) Keep record of all applications, examination results, certificates issued, and charges against any person.
- (5) Recommend any changes in this chapter to the City Council, make any rules on this chapter's interpretation provided that such interpretations do not abridge, modify or jeopardize the minimum accepted standards of work cited in this chapter.

(c) The City Manager will Prescribe the rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this chapter of hearings before the City Manager or his designee.

Section 3. Section 11-12. – Appeals, is amended to read as follows:

Any applicant for an electrical certification whose application has been rejected by the electrical inspector, or a person whose certification has been suspended or revoked by the Hearing Officer, or a person who has been ordered by the electrical inspector to incur any expense in alteration or repair of construction of an electrical system, may within ten days thereafter appeal from the order or rejection to the Board of Appeals, by giving notice to the Electrical Inspector in writing of such an appeal. Such notice or a copy thereof which shall after hearing, by a majority vote, affirm, annul or modify the action of the inspector.

Section 4. Section 11-13. – Classes of electrical certification; qualifications of electricians, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) There shall be the following classes of electrical certificates which shall be known as follows: Master electrician and journeyman electrician.
- (b) The term "master electrician" means any individual who possess the necessary qualifications, training and technical knowledge to plan, layout and supervise the installation, maintenance and extension of electrical conductors and equipment.
- (c) Applicants for a certificate as a master electrician shall be not less than 21 years of age, shall have had at least five years' experience in the installation, alteration, repair and maintenance of electrical conductors, equipment and apparatus, or an experience equivalent thereto. Applicants shall furnish the names and addresses of former employers for the past five years, period of time employed and in what capacity; proof of such service shall be furnished in a manner satisfactory to the electrical inspector, so that it might accurately determine the experience and qualifications of the applicant.
- (d) The term "journeyman electrician" means any individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training and technical knowledge to install, maintain and extend electrical conductors and equipment. Further, he shall be capable of doing such work in accordance with plans and specifications furnished to him and in accordance with standard rules and regulations governing such work.
- (e) Applicants for a certificate as a journeyman electrician shall be not less than 18 years of age and shall have had at least two years' experience in the installation, alteration, repair and maintenance of electrical conductors and equipment or an equivalent experience thereto.
- (f) The term "apprentice electrician" means a person not less than 18 years of age, employed by a certified electrician.
- (g) Permits shall be issued to apprentice electricians, in a form prescribed by the inspector, which shall expire with such employment.

Section 5. Section 11-15. – Certification – Procedure for obtaining, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) To secure a certificate as a qualified electrician, an application with such information as the electrical inspector may reasonably require, shall be filed with the electrical inspector.
- (b) The general standards herein set out relative to the qualifications of every applicant for a certificate shall be considered and applied by the electrical inspector. The inspector shall make such investigation into the personal history, certification or license history, past electrical experience and qualifications as shall be reasonable and fair, to determine the qualifications and competency of the applicant.
- (c) Applicants for a certificate must successfully complete testing through Prometric set up through the office of the electrical inspector, scoring a grade of not less than 75 percent. The examination shall cover the basic and essential knowledge relative to the electrician trade.
- (d) The Electrical Inspector may grant a license, without examination, upon payment of the stated fees, to a holder of a substantially equivalent license from another jurisdiction if the standards and qualifications required by the other jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those required by the city.

Section 6. Section 11-16. – Certification – Fees, is hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

(seal)
ATTEST:

George Knox, Mayor

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk