

CHAPTER 7

ELECTRICITY

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4-7-1: DEFINITION: The term "electrical equipment" as used in this Chapter shall be construed to mean and include conductors and equipment installed for the utilization of electricity supplied for light, heat or power, but does not include radio apparatus or equipment for the wireless reception of sounds and signals nor ordinary household appliances, such as toasters, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, and does not include apparatus, conductors and other equipment installed for and by public utilities, including common carriers, which are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission for use in their operations as public utilities. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 532)

4-7-2: RULES ADOPTED: Pursuant to the recommendation of the Electrical Commission there are hereby adopted as safe and practical standards for the installation, alteration and use of electrical equipment in the City:

FIRST, the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, as contained in the Code known as the National Electrical Code, and as approved by the American Standards Association and as last published, and

SECOND, the rules and regulations regarding the installation, alteration and use of electrical equipment last adopted by the electric supply company now supplying the City, and as last published and filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, a copy of said Code and the last mentioned rules and regulations being now on file in the office of the Clerk and of the Electrical Inspector and the Building Inspector.

The Building Inspector shall act and have all the powers of and duties herein given to the Electrical Inspector. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 533)

4-7-3: PERMITS: Pursuant to the recommendation of the Electrical Commission there are hereby adopted as reasonable rules and regulations governing the issuance of permits for electrical installations or alterations the following:

- (A) It shall be unlawful to install or alter any electric equipment or wiring without having first secured a permit therefor.
- (B) Applications for such permits shall be made in writing to the Clerk, and shall be referred by him to the Electrical Inspector.

(C) Each such application shall contain the name of the owner of the premises to be served, the name of the contractor doing the work, and the nature of the work to be done; where the work consists of new installations or extensive repairs or alterations, plans and specifications of the work shall accompany the application. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 534)

4-7-4: FEES: The fee for such permits shall be paid in advance as follows:

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| (A) Permits for all electrical work except electric signs and fixtures | \$1.50 |
| (B) Wiring for incandescent lighting, and motors less than 1/2 horsepower | 1.50 |
| (C) Wiring for arc lighting, and stereopticon and motion picture machines, 15¢ per outlet, including switches and in addition | 2.00 |
| (D) Motors of 1/2 horsepower or over, or heating devices of more than 600 watts plus 15¢ per horsepower (746 watts) in excess of 1/2 horsepower | 1.50 |
| (E) Fixture hanging | 2.00 |
| (F) Electric signs | 2.00 |
| (G) Each reinspection of any overhead, underground or interior wire, or equipment, shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.50 per hour. | |
| (H) Whenever extra inspections are made necessary on account of inaccurate information, failure to make required reports, or a similar reason, a charge of \$1.50 per hour shall be made for each such extra inspection. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 535) | |

4-7-5: CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL: The Electrical Inspector shall issue a certificate of approval after each such inspection in which the wiring or apparatus is found to be in compliance with the terms of this Chapter and with the rules adopted hereby.

It shall be unlawful to use or turn on power into any wires or apparatus hereafter installed for which such certificate has not been issued because the permit was not secured for installation or because the work was not completed according to the provisions of this Chapter. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 536)

4-7-6: PENALTY: Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 537; and. Ord. 338, 1-3-77)