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ORDINANCE NO. 2413

AN ORDINANCE OF REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND ALTERATION OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE FEES THEREFORE; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY OF VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. DEFINITION. The term "person" as used in this ordinance shall be construed to include any person, firm or partnership, corporation or association of persons. The word "inspector" shall mean the electrical inspector or person designated by the city council to furnish and provide electrical inspection.

Section II. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE. The National Electric Code as promulgated by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and American Standards Association and its subsequent revisions if hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as if it were herein set forth in full. Provided, however, that all wiring hereinafter installed in a new structure or repairs or replacements installed in an existing structure within the boundaries of the Fire District Number 1 as established or as hereafter changed by proper authority shall be installed in rigid metal conduit and provided further that all wiring hereinafter installed in commercial buildings or in public or semi-public buildings such as schools, churches, lodges or buildings where the public will assemble or patronize within any part of Albany shall be installed in rigid metal conduit. Provided that flexible metal conduit may be used in making connections to motors or other appliances, and in other installations where, in the opinion of the building and electrical inspector, rigid connections would not be practical and where the length of said flexible conduit shall not exceed five (5) feet in length.

Section III. PERMIT: REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or alter any electrical equipment, apparatus, service facilities or system within the City of Albany until such person shall have first secured from the building and electrical inspector a permit to do so. Provided, however, a permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration, or repair of electrical wiring and equipment installed by or for a public utility for the use by such utility in the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or for the use of such utility in the operation of signals or for the transmission of intelligence, nor shall a permit be required for minor repair work including repairing of flush and snap switches, replacing fuses, replacing lamp sockets and receptacles, taping bare joints and repairing drop cords, experimental work of a temporary nature in testing laboratories, repair work performed in licensed electrical shops or on the lighting or ignition systems of motor vehicles.

Where work authorized by a permit is not commenced within 60 days after the date thereof, such permit shall thereupon become void and of no effect.

A permit shall be valid only for the location stated in the application, which shall state the street and number where said work is to be performed.

A permit to perform electrical work in or about his own building may be issued to the owner thereof, provided that the work thereunder shall be performed by such person. Said work must conform to the provisions of this code. All applications for permits hereunder shall be made upon forms furnished by the City.

It shall be the responsibility of the electrician having charge of the installation or alteration to see that all permits required under the provision of this Ordinance are procured whether by himself or by the owner of the property involved.

Section IV. PERMIT: FEES. Before the issuance of any permit under this Ordinance, the applicant therefore shall pay to the Recorder of the City of Albany a fee in accordance with the nature and extent of work as follows:

- (a) The minimum fee for any electrical permit shall be \$1.00.
- (b) For lighting, heating and power:
 - For the first 5 openings or outlets - - - - - \$1.00
 - For each additional outlet - - - - - .10
- (c) For each electric sign, decorative or outline lighting on the exterior of building, marquees and footlights, borders and strips in theaters:
 - For the first 50 lamps, or fraction thereof \$1.00
 - For each additional 10 lamps - - - - - .05
- (d) Inspection for temporary installations for show windows, exhibitions, conventions, etc., minimum fee - - - - - \$1.00
 - For more than 20 lamps - - - - - .05

Said fee shall be doubled if said permit is not obtained in 48 hours after commencement of said work, Sundays and holidays excepted. Where work is condemned or fails to meet the standards provided in this code, a fee of \$1.00 shall be required for each additional inspection required.

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Section V: INSPECTION OF NEW WORK: NOTIFYING ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. It shall be unlawful for any person to complete, enclose or place in use any electrical equipment, apparatus, service, facilities or system without having given the building and electrical inspector notice that the work is ready for inspection and until the building and electrical inspector shall have inspected and approved the same; provided that said building and electrical inspector shall make such inspection within 48 hours after receiving notice that the work is ready for inspection, Sundays and holidays excepted; and providing further that all subsequent inspections made necessary because of disapproval by the building and electrical inspector of repairs or installations as submitted shall be made upon a similar notice and within the same time as hereinbefore provided. Should the inspector condemn any of the said work as not being in accordance with the code, notice in writing shall be given by him to the persons engaged in the work. Within 15 days after notification thereof or within such further reasonable time as may upon request be prescribed, such work shall be made to comply with the provisions of this code. Anyone covering or allowing to be covered any condemned portion of the work shall be liable to the penalties of this code. Failure of the inspector to make inspection within 48 hours after notification may be construed to mean permission to proceed with construction.

Section VI: DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. The electrical inspector shall have authority to enter into and upon any premises at reasonable hours for the purpose of examining all electrical equipment, apparatus, service, facilities or systems. If he shall find any defects therein, he shall notify the owner, agent, occupant, builder, electrician or other person in charge. If the inspection shall be made in connection with anything except new work or new installation, such person having the same in charge shall remedy the defect within 15 days after receiving such notification.

Section VII: INSPECTION OF EXISTING INSTALLATION. The inspector is hereby empowered to inspect or reinspect all existing wiring and equipment coming within the scope of this code. When said wiring or equipment is found to be dangerous or unsafe a person, firm or corporation owning, using or operating the same shall be notified and shall make the necessary repairs or changes required to place the wiring or equipment in a safe condition, and have such work completed within 15 days after notification thereof or within such further reasonable time as may upon request be prescribed by the inspector.

The inspector is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service to such conductors or apparatus found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition, or to have been installed without a permit, or not in accordance with the provisions of this code. He shall thereupon attach a notice which states that such conductors or apparatus having been disconnected because they have been found unsafe to life or property, and shall be unlawful for any person to remove said notice or re-connect the defective conductors or apparatus until same have been placed in a safe condition and have been inspected by the inspector.

Section VIII: NOTICE TO ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR. Every contracting electrician and every electrician having charge of installation or alteration of any electrical equipment or services shall notify the electrical inspector of the time all work requiring a permit hereunder shall be commenced. He shall also notify the electrical inspector from time to time when any such electrical connections are ready for inspection.

Section IX: CONTROL OF CONSTRUCTION. All electrical equipment in process of installation, alteration or repair shall be under the supervision of the electrical inspector who is hereby empowered to stop further work whenever in his judgment the work is being done contrary to the requirements of this code.

Section X: NON-LIABILITY OF CITY FOR DAMAGES. This ordinance shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating or installing any electrical wires, appliances, construction or equipment for damage to anyone injured by any defect therein nor shall the city or any agent thereof be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of inspection issued by the inspector.

Section XI: PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. Any person refusing to or neglecting to comply with the requirements of this ordinance or violating any provisions therein shall, upon conviction thereof in the Recorder's court, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or imprisonment in the city jail of the City of Albany, Oregon, not exceeding 25 days or both such fine and imprisonment. If any person refuses to conform to the requirements of this ordinance after having been notified so to do by any enforcing official, each day's continuance of such violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section XII: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed by Council _____

Approved by Mayor _____

ATTEST:

Recorder

Mayor