

ORDINANCE NO. 30-1995

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE VI, "UNIFORM CODES AND OTHER REGULATIONS", DIVISION 3, "ELECTRICAL CODE", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.


BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

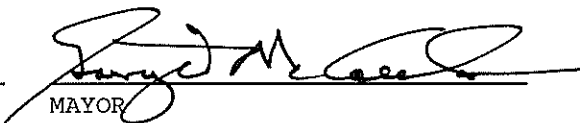
- PART 1. That Chapter 8, Article VI, Division 3, "Electrical Code", of the Abilene Municipal Code be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2. That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 25th day of MAY, A.D., 1995.

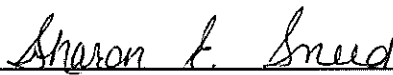
PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 8th day of JUNE, 1995.

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

# EXHIBIT "A"

## CHAPTER 4

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

#### LICENSE

**Sec. 401. (a) License Required.** No person shall engage in the business of master, journeyman, sign, maintenance, or apprentice electrician unless he possesses a valid electrician's certification of qualification issued in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**(b) Applications for \* examination** \*master and journeyman licenses must be filed with the Secretary of The Electrical Sub-Committee ~~sixty (60) days before the date of examination.~~ The application for ~~examination~~ license must be accompanied by payment of all fees as established by resolution, and the written verification identified in subsections (1) and (2) as follows:

#### (1) Master Electrician

Applicants for master electrician licenses shall make applications to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee. Each applicant shall be required to furnish three (3) letters of recommendation specifically stating his qualifications in a recognized electrical field. In addition, he shall provide written proof of experience, as follows:

1. Ten (10) years experience, under the supervision of a licensed master electrician, of which four (4) years must be as a licensed journeyman electrician; or,
2. Completion of five (5) years of technical training from a recognized electrical school or an electrical engineering degree from an accredited college plus three (3) years experience as a licensed Journeyman Electrician under a licensed Master

Electrician; or,

3. In lieu of Technical Training or Electrical Engineering Degree as stated above, Military Equivalency may be substituted as follows:

AFSC 54250-54270 70% of U.S. Air Force time, to a maximum of three (3) years;

AFSC 54270-54290 100% of U.S. Air Force time, to a maximum of four (4) years, plus three (3) years experience under a licensed Master Electrician as a licensed Journeyman Electrician.

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Show written proof of passing the approved electrical exam, with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%). Refer to Sec 401(G)

#### (2.) Journeyman Electrician

Applicants for journeyman electrician's examination and licenses shall make application to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee and provide written proof as follows before being allowed to take the exam:

1. Four (4) years experience as an electrician under the supervision of a Master Electrician, or experience equivalencies as follows:
2. Applicants with prior U.S. Air Force experience may, in lieu of the above requirement, submit written proof of prior U.S. Air Force experience and shall be allowed to substitute seventy percent (70%) of their military experience in the U.S. Air Force serving in the specialized training of the AFSC-54230 (Apprentice Electrician) or 54250 (Electrician) codes, up to a

maximum substitution of three (3) years' experience, and experience in the specialized training of the AFSC-54270 (Electrical Technician) or AFSC-54290 (Electrical Superintendent), shall be allowed one-hundred percent (100%) credit of their military experience. Applicants with prior experience in other branches of the United States military service shall provide written documentation of equivalent skill codes in order to receive this military equivalency credit.

~~3~~ Show written proof of passing the approved electrical exam with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%). Refer to Sec 401(d).

**(3.) Maintenance Electrician**

Applicants for maintenance electrician's licenses shall make application to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee.

**(4.) Sign Electricians**

Applicants for sign electrician's certificates of qualification shall make application to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee.

**(5.) Apprentice Electricians**

Applicants for apprentice electrician's license shall make application to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee.

(c) **Application Fee.** The application shall be presented to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee and shall be accompanied by the required fee as follows:

- Master Electrician \$25.00 + cost for the BLOCK Exam ~~if applicable~~
- Journeyman Electrician \$ 5.00 + cost for the BLOCK Exam ~~if applicable~~

(d) **Examination.** The Electrical Sub-Committee is hereby empowered

to adopt rules and regulations consistent with the electrical code for the examination and re-examination of applicants for licensing as master and journeyman electricians. The Committee shall fix reasonable times for the examination or re-examination of all applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be made available a minimum of three times in each calendar year. Date of examination shall be spaced at approximately equal intervals. The Committee shall furnish all necessary forms to each applicant who wishes to be licensed in accordance with the terms of the electrical code of the City of Abilene. At least one Committee member shall be present during the examination process, ~~proctored by the City~~ to ensure that proper procedures are carried out.

The Committee shall prescribe the form, substance and length of the examination for licenses authorized by the Electrical Code. Subject matter of the examination may test the applicant on the following:

1. knowledge of any or all types of electrical installation authorized by law within the City of Abilene,
2. his knowledge of electricity and diagrams of any or all types of electrical installations authorized by law within the City of Abilene,
3. his knowledge and familiarity with the National Electrical Code as currently adopted by the City of Abilene,
4. his practical and working knowledge of electrical wiring and construction,
5. ~~his knowledge and familiarity with the Electrical Code of the City of Abilene.~~

~~The weight to be given by the Electrical Sub-Committee to each question asked upon examination shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee. The Committee is further authorized to give more weight to a particular part of any examination given at its sole discretion.~~

~~Not applicable to BLOCK Exams.~~

Every examination given ~~approved~~ by the Electrical Sub-Committee for all types

of electrical licenses shall be structured by the Committee so that a score of one hundred percent (100%) shall be a perfect score. Every applicant taking an examination for any type of electrical license must receive a minimum score of seventy percent (70%) to pass the examination and be eligible for licensing under the Electrical Code of the City of Abilene.

The Electrical Sub-Committee ~~may utilize any~~ accepts the following national testing firms, ~~corporation or association~~ to prepare and grade all examinations authorized by the Electrical Code of the City of Abilene:

- ~~Block Exam~~
- ~~SBCCI Exam (Southern Building Code Congress International)~~

In every case where the Committee utilizes the services of a national testing firm, corporation or association, the test so provided shall test each applicant in accordance with the above noted information.

~~(c) Rejection of Application. Applicants for any type of license may be rejected by the Electrical Sub-Committee and not examined licensed upon a finding of any of the following:~~

~~(e) Application review Complete applications and fees shall be submitted by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month. Applications will be reviewed by the Electrical Sub-Committee at the regular scheduled monthly meeting. Applications may be rejected upon a finding of any of the following:~~

1. That the application contains any false or misleading statements. When an application has been rejected for containing a false or misleading statement knowingly submitted by the applicant, no new application shall be considered from such individual for a period of one (1) year.
2. That the applicant fails or refuses to provide any information requested on the application form or forms by the Electrical Sub-Committee.
3. That the applicant has had his license revoked or suspended and that the period of such suspension or revocation has not yet expired.
4. That the applicant has failed to pass a prior examination and that the period of time required by this Code between examinations has not yet

expired.

5. That the applicant does not possess the qualifications required for the type of license for which he desires examination.

6. That the applicant, within the twelve (12) month period prior to application, while operating or working within the corporate limits of the City, had willfully failed to comply with provisions of this article or the Electrical Code or had failed to correct improper electrical installations.

In each case where an applicant has failed to receive a passing grade of at least seventy percent (70%) on an examination taken by said applicant, he may apply for re-examination as follows:

~~1. The applicant must submit a new application to the Electrical Sub-Committee request to take another exam, and pay all fees for such examination.~~

~~2. In the case of an applicant's first re-examination, the applicant may apply for re-examination immediately and, provided his application is approved by the Electrical Sub-Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be scheduled to take the next regularly scheduled examination set by this Committee.~~

~~3. In the case of an applicant's second re-examination request, the applicant may apply for re-examination immediately and, provided this application is approved by the Committee in accordance with this Ordinance, shall be scheduled to take the second regularly scheduled examination set by the Committee after his application is received.~~

~~4. In the case of an applicant's third examination and failure to pass, the applicant shall not be permitted to apply for re-examination for one hundred and eighty days (180), after the third failure and each subsequent failing of the examination.~~

(f) License Fees. The successful applicant shall also pay to the secretary of the Electrical Sub-Committee the required fee as follows:

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|------------------------|----------|
| Master Electrician     | \$125.00 |
| Journeyman Electrician | 25.00    |
| Apprentice Electrician | 5.00     |

(j) **Proof of License.** No person shall engage in the occupation of electrician of any type required by this code without having his current certificate of qualification in his possession.

(k) **Bond Requirements.** Any successful applicant desiring to engage in the business of an electrical contractor, shall first file with the Building Official of the city, a surety bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be approved by the City Manager, payable to the City of Abilene, and conditioned on a faithful performance of all of the provisions and regulations of the electrical code, this chapter, and all other ordinances of the city, and the surety on such bond shall be a company authorized to transact business in the state.

(l) **Display of License.** Each licensed contractor doing business shall display their company name in letters, not less than two inches in height on both sides of all vehicles.

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\* New text to be inserted

Maintenance Electrician 15.00  
Sign Electrician 15.00

(g) **Issuance: Term.** Qualified applicants who comply with the above provisions shall be issued a certificate of qualification to carry on the occupation of electrician that they are specifically licensed for. The certificate shall expire on December thirty-first of each year.

(h) **Renewal.** The certificate of qualification may be renewed by paying to the Secretary of the Board the required fee within ten (10) days after the expiration date of the old certificate. A certificate of qualification may be renewed within a period of ninety days after expiration by paying the required fee, plus a penalty fee. A certificate of qualification may be renewed within one (1) year after the expiration date by paying the required fee plus a penalty fee. Certificates which are more than one year past the expiration date may not be renewed. To obtain a new certificate, the applicant must pay an examination fee and retake the examination for the specific electrical license. Upon successful completion of the examination, the applicant shall pay to the Secretary of the Board the required sum outlined in section (e) License Fees, and the certificate of qualification shall then be issued.

A master electrician may elect at the time of renewal to obtain an "Inactive" license. Inactive status prohibits the master electrician from doing electrical work, or engaging in the business of a master electrician. An active master's license may only be renewed upon expiration of the inactive license and payment of the appropriate fees. Fee and penalties are as follows:

| TYPE OF LICENSE | RENEWAL FEE | 90-DAY PENALTY | ONE YEAR PENALTY |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| Master          | 50.00       | 40.00          | 70.00            |
| Journeyman      | 10.00       | 10.00          | 20.00            |
| Sign            | 5.00        | 5.00           | 10.00            |
| Apprentice      | 5.00        | n/a            | n/a              |
| Maintenance     | 10.00       | n/a            | n/a              |
| Inactive Master | 25.00       | n/a            | n/a              |

(i) **Transferability.** A certificate of qualification shall be issued to an individual and shall not be assignable.