

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, DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

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 6th day of MAY, A.D., 1999.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation of the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 23rd day of May, 1999, the same being more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time designated for said hearing. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said ordinance was passed on second and final reading.


PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 27 day of MAY, A.D., 1999.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR

APPROVED:


CITY ATTORNEY

Proposed amendments to:

ELECTRICAL CODE

City of Abilene

To be used in conjunction with the 1996 National Electrical Code
Adopted by the Abilene City Council on November 21, 1996
Ordinance No. 54-1996 of the Municipal Code.

CHAPTER 4

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

LICENSE

Sec. 401 (a) License Required – no change

Sec. 401 (b) Applications

(1.) Master Electrician – add item 5

5. Approval of a reciprocal/qualifying license as prescribed in Sec. 401 (n) of this code.

(2.) Journeyman Electrician – add item 4

4. Approval of a reciprocal/qualifying license as prescribed in Sec. 401 (n) of this code.

Add section as follows:

Sec. 401 (n) Reciprocal/Qualifying License

A master electrician, journeyman electrician, or sign electrician licensed to perform electrical work in another city for at least two (2) years or in another State for at least five (5) years immediately preceding application for licensing to the City of Abilene is eligible for licensing in accordance with this section under the following terms and conditions. An applicant qualifying for licensing in accordance with this section shall not be required to take an exam or provide written proof of employment experience.

(1) a. Reciprocal License: A reciprocal license may only be granted when the City granting the applicant's original license has a Reciprocal Licensing agreement with the City of Abilene.

For another City to enter a Reciprocal Licensing Agreement with the City of Abilene, the City shall submit a copy of their Electrical Ordinance and licensing provisions and make a request for reciprocity to the City of Abilene Electrical Sub-committee. The standards and factors considered for reciprocity are on file in the office of the Building Official and must be similar or equivalent to those identified in section 401 (b) (1) and (2) of this code. Reciprocal licenses shall not be issued prior to final approval of reciprocity being on file in the Office of the Building Official.

- b. **Qualifying License:** A state license is a qualifying license without the need for a Reciprocal Licensing Agreement provided the applicant meets the other conditions of 401 (n).

(2) Each applicant for either a reciprocal or qualifying license must meet the following conditions:

- a. The applicant shall provide the following information through written documentation from the City or State where their original license was issued: *On official letterhead of the government entity, state the applicants name, date and type of license issued, and proof of passing the SBCCI /BLOCK/ or LOCAL test, and verification that the applicant is in good standing and has no record of uncorrected violations or complaints on file*
- b. The applicant shall submit the application form accompanied by the fees designated in 401 (c) along with verification as required in item (a) to the Secretary of the Electrical Sub-committee for approval. Approval or disapproval of the application shall occur within ten (10) days of submission.
- c. Upon approval, the applicant shall pay any required licensing fees and file with the City of Abilene the required bond, insurance certificate, and register as a contractor prior to obtaining electrical permits and commencing work.