

ORDINANCE NO. 990

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NASHVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 11.12, ELECTRICAL CODE. PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDS AND PRACTICES OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS, FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS. THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, NFPA 70, SHALL BE THE GUIDE LINE.

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Nashville, Arkansas, the City Council of Nashville, Ar. has adopted the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. 11.12.01. Adoption of electrical code. There is hereby adopted for the City of Nashville for the purpose of establishing the minimum rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, and maintenance of electric wiring and apparatus, including permits and penalties, that certain electric code known as the National Electric Code of the National Fire Protection Association, being particularly the 2020 edition thereof, and the whole thereof, hereafter referred to as N.F.P.A 70 National Electric Code, current edition, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the Clerk/Treasurer of the city and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction, alteration, maintenance or removal of all electric wiring and apparatus within the corporate limits of the city.

SECTION 2. Inspector There is hereby created the office of Code Enforcement Officer, who shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the confirmation of the City Council. The Code Enforcement Officer shall have had at least two years' experience as an electrician; shall be of good moral character; and shall be versed in the approved methods of electrical construction for safety of life and property. National Electrical Code NFPA 70 in its current edition, henceforth referred to as The Code, shall be the guide line. There is also established the position of Fire Marshal; and since said Fire Marshal is well trained in the performance of Fire Safety Building Inspections, he/she can perform inspections in the absence of a Code Enforcement Officer.

SECTION 3. Duties The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the duty and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric wires or other appliances for electric lights, heat or power in the city of Nashville, and to cause all such wires, appliances or apparatus to be placed, constructed, and guarded as not to cause fires or accidents, endangering life or property, and to be constructed as to keep to a minimum the loss or waste of electric current. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue an inspection report on all electrical work inspected and seen to meet the requirements of The Code.

It shall also be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce all provisions of this ordinance and said officer is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings in the City of Nashville in the performance of their duties between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily, except that in emergency and within the limits of reason, the Code Enforcement Officer may enter buildings for such purposes at other than the designated hours.

It shall also be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect and/or test all electrical work and equipment or apparatus for compliance with The Code, whenever electric wiring, appliances or apparatus shall be defective or hazardous through improper manufacture or improper or insufficient insulation or for any other reason, and shall cause the removal of such defect or defects, at the expense of the owner or owners of such wiring, appliance or apparatus.

Any person, firm, corporation or owner who has been employed or intends to perform an electrical job, the cost of which shall exceed \$300.00, shall first apply for a permit for said job with the Code Enforcement Officer, and said Code Enforcement Officer shall issue the original permit to said person, firm, corporation or owner so applying and make copies of said permit for themselves. The fee for each of said permits shall be based on the current fee schedule for inspection, and fees shall be collected by the City of Nashville, Ar. This permit shall also be required of any person, firm or corporation who has been employed for a job, the completion of which will disrupt the electrical service of any building, house or building establishment, regardless of the cost of said work, for instance, meter loop replacement, breaker box replacement, etc.

SECTION 4. Inspection Fees The fee of the Code Enforcement Officer for the inspection of residential electric wiring shall be as follows:

1. Service	\$30.00 each
2. Panels	\$10.00 each
3. Kitchens	\$5.00 each
4. Baths	\$5.00 each
5. All other rooms	\$2.00 each
6. Hot water heaters	\$2.00 each
7. Furnace	\$2.00 each
8. Air conditioning	\$2.00 each
9. Rough-in inspection	\$15.00
10. Final inspection	\$15.00

The fee of the Code Enforcement Officer for the inspection of commercial or industrial electric wiring shall be as follows:

Commercial/Public Buildings

1. Appliance	\$5.00 per circuit
2. Panels	\$10.00 each
3. Bath	\$5.00 each

4. Inspection at \$.025 per sq. ft.

Industrial Building

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| 1. Panels | \$10.00 each |
| 2. Appliances without starters or disconnects | \$5.00 each |
| 3. Starter/disconnect, add | \$5.00 each |
| 4. Bath | \$5.00 each |
| 5. Inspection at | \$.025 per sq. ft. |

Solar Photo Voltaic Systems

1. Small PV systems (up to 4kw): \$100.00 inspection fee
2. Large PV systems (up to 10kw): \$150.00 inspection fee
3. Systems (11kw-50kw): \$15.00 per kw inspection fee
4. Systems (51kw-100kw): \$1500.00 inspection fee
5. Systems (101kw-500kw): \$3000.00 inspection fee
6. Systems (501kw-1000kw): \$4000.00 inspection fee
7. Systems above 1 megawatt, \$5000.00 inspection fee

SECTION 5 Permits No installation, alteration or removal shall be made in/or of the wiring of any building or structure for light, heat or power or to increase the load of energy carried by such wires or equipment, nor shall any building or structure be wired for electric lights, appliances, motors, apparatus or heating devices nor alterations made thereto without a permit therefore being first obtained from Code Enforcement Department, by the person, firm or corporation having direct charge of such installation, alteration or removal.

The owner of property located outside the corporate limits of Nashville, Arkansas, who intends to seek connection to any city utilities shall be required to obtain from the City an electrical permit and shall follow all guidelines set forth in Title 11, Buildings and Construction. (Ord. No. 656, Sec. 3)

SECTION 6 Inspections. Upon the completion of the wiring, installation or alteration of any building or structure for light, heat, power, appliance or apparatus, it shall be the duty of any person, firm, or corporation who has been employed to perform an electrical job, to notify the electrical inspector of each inspection required by the permit before applying to utility company for services. Written authority by the electrical inspector will be required prior to the installation of meter. It shall be the responsibility of the person, firm, corporation or owner of the premise to acquire a written inspection report to be presented to the power company before installation of meter.

The amount of fee or charge is set forth in the inspection fee Section 4. **Note: If electrical**

power has been disconnected from any building or structure within the jurisdiction of the City of Nashville, Arkansas, prior to current being turned on to said premise, an inspection of said structure shall be performed. An inspection report will be provided to the owner of the premise to be presented to the utility company prior to current being restored. A green tag will also be place at the meter location indicating that premise has passed an inspection. If hazards are found as a result of an inspection, a red tag stating, "DO NOT ENTERGIZE PER CODE ENFORCEMENT" will be place at the meter location.

SECTION 7 Standards. All electrical construction, all materials, appliances, motors, heating devices and apparatus used in connection with electrical work and the operation of all electrical apparatus within the City shall conform to the rules and requirements of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70 current edition when work is performed or equipment and apparatus installed, however, the necessity, good service and said results often require larger sizes of wire, more branch circuits and better types of equipment than the minimum which is specified in the National Electrical Code. Therefore, the Code Enforcement Officer supervising the enforcement of this code will have the responsibility and authority for making interpretations of the rules for deciding upon the approval of equipment, materials, construction, and for granting the special permission contemplated in a number of the rules and the Code Enforcement Officer, where necessary, shall follow the code procedure for securing official interpretations of the code.

SECTION 8 Licensing of electricians. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to engage in the business of electrical construction or of the installation of wiring and apparatus for electric lights, appliances, heating, or power in the city of Nashville shall obtain an electrical license issued through the Arkansas Dept. of Labor and Licensing, Electrical Division, and must show prove of current status prior to a permit being issued.

SECTION 9 Bond required. Every person, firm or corporation doing electrical business in the city shall execute and deliver to the city a bond with a surety bonding company in the sum of one Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to indemnify the city or any citizen for any damage caused by the failure of such person, firm, or corporation doing the electrical work to comply strictly with the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 10 Home owners. Any individual desiring to perform his or her own electrical work personally shall not be required to make the required bond or to obtain the required license, but shall be required to obtain the regular permit for that particular job. Such work done by an individual must be done by him or her personally on their own particular job and not be a way of performing a service to the public generally. The Code will apply as the minimum requirement for all work performed.

SECTION 11 Failure to comply. Any person, firm or corporation who shall fail to correct any defect or defects in his or her work or to meet the required standards of The Code, after having been given notice of the unfit condition by the Code Enforcement Officer within a reasonable time, shall be refused any other permit until such defect or defects have been corrected and shall be subject to revocation of license privileges within the City of Nashville, Arkansas, for continual defective work or either upon conviction for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Upon failure to comply with this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have authority, after due notice, to cut out electric current in the locality concerned, if due to safety is necessary.

SECTION 12 Penalties. Failure to comply with section 11 of this code, could result in penalties being assessed as follows: \$ 250.00 for 1st offense, \$ 750.00 for 2nd offense, \$1000.00 for 3rd offense. Each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessment. A list of violations will be provided to the electrician upon their request. Failure to make corrections by a licensed electrician will subject the electrician in question to the assessment of civil monetary penalties. A report will be sent to the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, Electrical Division, Board of Electrical Examiners, 10421 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.

SECTION 13 Emergency Clause. Since it is of the utmost importance that the City of Nashville has an up-to-date Electrical Code, to protect the citizens of the city, therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the protection of the public shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

Passed this 25th day of March, 2024

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Lauren Hoen, City Clerk



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Larry Dunaway, Mayor

