

Chapter 41

ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 34.
Code enforcement — See Ch. 36.
Property maintenance — See Ch. 42.

Fire prevention — See Ch. 51.
Mechanical standards — See Ch. 63.

§ 41-1. Adoption of standards.

There is hereby adopted in its entirety by the municipality, copies of which are on file in the office of the municipality, that certain Electrical Code, known as the "National Electrical Code 1990," as published by the National Fire Protection Association, save and except such provisions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended.

§ 41-2. Administration; Office of Code Enforcement.

The provisions of Ordinance No. 3-88 (Code Enforcement Ordinance), adopted by the municipality on December 5, 1988, are hereby incorporated by reference and readopted with this chapter. The administration and enforcement of this chapter and of the National Electrical Code 1990 adopted herein shall be carried out by the Office of Code Enforcement of the municipality, in accordance with the procedures established by Chapter 36, Code Enforcement, of the Code of the Borough of Pennsburg and by the National Electrical Code 1990 adopted herein. The term "governmental body," having legal jurisdiction over all electrical installations as used in the National Electrical Code 1990 herein adopted, shall mean "Code Enforcement Officer and/or Office of Code Enforcement," as used in Chapter 36, Code Enforcement. Said Chapter 36, Code Enforcement, provides for certain powers and duties of a Code Enforcement

Officer, for the creation of a Code Hearing Board and for procedures relative to applications, fees, permits, inspections, appeals, penalties and other matters.

§ 41-3. Application for permit; insurance.

- A. The Code Enforcement Officer shall require that all applicants for permits for electrical work shall furnish proof that an application for inspection of the proposed electrical wiring or electrical apparatus has been made to an organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Approved Electrical Organization"), with the payment of all inspection fees and charges of such organization being borne by the applicant.
- B. In order to qualify as an Approved Electrical Organization, certified to perform inspections in the municipality, the organization must file with the Office of Code Enforcement proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.

§ 41-4. Certificate of approval.

All applicants shall, within 30 days of the completion of the building, structure or premises, obtain an electrical certificate of approval from an approved electrical inspection agency. Whenever the inspection of the Approved Electrical Organization shows that the provisions of the National Electrical Code 1990 have not been complied with, said organization shall so inform the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer shall then notify the applicant of the steps which must be taken to achieve compliance with the National Electrical Code 1990 before an electrical certificate of approval can be issued. Failure to comply shall be sufficient reason for notification of the Electric Utility Company to disconnect or refuse to connect electrical power to the premises.

§ 41-5. Inspection of existing wiring and apparatus.

In order to provide safety against existing hazards or defective electrical wiring and apparatus, the Code Enforcement Officer and/or his authorized representative, including the Approved Electrical Organization referred to above, shall, when requested by proper authority or when public interest so requires, cause inspections to be made of any premises in the municipality to ensure that the existing electrical wiring and apparatus is not defective or unsafe. The Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the owner of the premises of any unsafe or defective conditions which are found and shall require discontinuance or correction of such conditions in accordance with the National Electrical Code 1990.

§ 41-6. Exemptions.

This chapter shall not apply to the following electrical work, in addition to that outlined in Section 90-2(b) of the code.

- A. Minor repair work such as repairing or replacing fuses, switches, receptacles, lamps or lighting fixture parts.

§ 41-7. Cut-in card required.

Persons, firms or corporations producing or supplying electrical energy for either private or public use shall not permit such electrical energy to be used in connection with or introduced into any electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus until such electrical wiring, equipment and apparatus, and the installation thereof, shall have been approved, as provided in § 41-4 hereof, and until the cut-in card certifying thereto shall have been duly issued and filed with the Office of Code Enforcement.

§ 41-8. Inspection fees.

Approved Electrical Organizations shall maintain a current inspection fee schedule on file with the Code Enforcement Office. The Approved Electrical Organization shall furnish the Code Enforcement Officer a duplicate of all cut-in cards.

§ 41-9. Supervision of work.

Electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus may be installed, altered or extended only under the supervision of a registered master electrician and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 41-10. Application for master electrician's license.

Any person desiring to act as a registered master electrician shall make written application therefor to the Director of Inspection and supply him with such information relating to the applicant's qualifications, knowledge and ability to make installations of electrical wiring, equipment and apparatus, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, as the Inspections Department, by duly adopted rules and regulations, may require, after satisfactory completion of an electrical examination approved by the municipality. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a license for each calendar year (or the remaining portion thereof following the application) to any such applicant who shall pay a fee of \$50 annually.

§ 41-11. Modification of standards.

The following section shall be added to the National Electrical Code 1990:

- A. **Section 90-9. Concealing Work.** Work in connection with an electrical wiring system shall not be covered or concealed until it has been inspected and permission to do so has been granted by the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 41-12. Construal of provisions.

Nothing in this chapter or in the National Electrical Code 1990 hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired or liability incurred or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing under any act or

ordinance repealed hereby. No right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by this chapter.

§ 41-13. Severability.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this chapter or of the National Electrical Code 1990 hereby adopted shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

§ 41-14. Repealer.

Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this chapter be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this chapter.

§ 41-15. Title.

This chapter, together with the National Electrical Code 1990 adopted herein shall be known and may be cited as the "Electrical Code of the Municipality."