

ORDINANCE NO. 120

1997

“An Ordinance establishing Electricians or Electrical Contractor Regulations for the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon, Indiana.”

WHEREAS, The County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon has previously enacted electricians and electrical contractor regulations and needs to create a non-reverting fund for technical support maintenance and for deposit of license fees. This will reflect the use of the Indiana Electrical Code as well as the National Electric Code.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF JENNINGS, CITY OF NORTH VERNON, AND TOWN OF VERNON, INDIANA:

- Section 1.** There is hereby created an Electrical Licensing Program; non-reverting fund for deposit of all fees for licenses collected.
- Section 2.** 1994 Unified Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the words Indiana Electrical Code and the National Electrical Code.
- Section 3.** All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- Section 4.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage, upon approval, by the Commissioners of Jennings County, North Vernon Council, and Vernon Town Council. Publication, and recording, all as law provided.

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DIVISION I. INSPECTION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1. Inspection by the Department of Planning and Zoning, Area Plan Commission/Department of Code Enforcement.

The Department of Planning and Zoning, through the office of the Building Commissioner/Inspector, shall be responsible for inspection of electrical wiring in the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon

and Town of Vernon.

SECTION 2. LICENSING.

To operate or engage in business as an electrician, or an independent electrical contractor within the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon, the individual desiring to operate or engage in such business, shall be duly licensed according to the provisions of this Ordinance. Such license shall be issued only in the name of the individual, making application for such license.

Any change in address shall be reported to the Department of Planning and Zoning, Area Plan Commission/ Department of Code Enforcement within five (5) days after such change occurs.

The examination required by Division II of this Ordinance shall be binding upon all individuals.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting industrial manufacturing concerns from installing and maintaining customary electrical installation incidental to the operations of such concern without complying with the licensing provisions of this Ordinance. Service panel or switch gear installations, alterations, and repairs shall comply with the licensing and inspection provisions of this Ordinance. This licensing program will begin on approval of all governing bodies in the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon.

SECTION 3. LICENSE FEES

The fee for a license to operate as an electrician, or an independent electrical contractor within the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon or Town of Vernon shall be Twenty-five (\$25.00) for the first license issued to such applicant and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for a three (3) year (re-licensing) renewal of such license and for each additional individual engaged in electrical wiring by the licensee, an additional fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the first license issued to such applicant and Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each annual renewal of such license shall be charged. The County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon are hereby authorized to set fees upon the recommendation of the Building Commissioner/Inspector.

An individual having passed a Block examination will be qualified to do Electrical wiring in the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon.

SECTION 4. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE AND DISPOSITION OF FEES.

The license provided for in this Ordinance shall be issued by the Area Plan Commission of Jennings County, Building Commissioner/

Inspector. All fees for licenses shall be deposited in a non-reverting fund, and become a part of the Electrical Licensing Program as designated.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

All licenses issued under this Ordinance shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year for which such license was issued. No license shall be issued for a longer period than three (3) calendar years, but a license may be renewed without reexamination as provided for in this Ordinance. However, no license holder will be entitled to renew a license without examination unless an application shall be filed in due form and the proper fee for such renewal paid not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the latest license in the Office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, Area Plan Commission, but if such application is so filed and such fee is so paid within thirty (30) days from such expiration date of the latest license, then such renewal license shall be granted without examination. No license shall be transferable to any individual, firm, partnership or corporation.

SECTION 6. SUSPENSION OF LICENSE.

The Building Commissioner/Inspector is authorized to suspend the license of any electrician or electrical contractor issued under this Ordinance for a period of not more than thirty (30) days for a violation of this Ordinance; and any such individual whose license has been suspended may appeal such suspension to the Board of Electric Examiners by filing therewith a written request for a hearing within ten (10) days of the Building Commissioners/Inspectors action. Such Board shall have the power to reverse or affirm the decision appealed from, or to permanently revoke such license.

SECTION 7. PENALTY OF NON-LICENSED INDIVIDUALS.

Any individual, firm, corporation, or independent contractor doing electrical wiring, for hire/pay without an electrical license shall receive a fine ranging from \$100.00 to \$2,500.00 as set by the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon from time to time.

SECTION 8. "SPEC" HOMES FOR SALE, INCLUDING RENTALS

The penalties specified in Section 7 pertain to person/or persons building "spec" homes and rentals.

The penalties specified in Section 7 do not apply to rewiring motors. They apply only to structural wiring and only to what is covered in current code.

DIVISION II. RULES OF EXAMINATION

SECTION 9. BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS.

A Board of Electrical Examiners is created and shall consist of:
A Master Electrician (as designated by Commissioners),
A representative from Cinergy PSI (as designated by PSI),
A representative from a R.E.M.C. (as designated by R.E.M.C.),
Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission
and the Building Commissioner/Building Inspector.
The Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission and the Building
Commissioner/Building Inspector are non-voting members of the board.

SECTION 10. EXAMINATION

Any individual desiring to engage in electrical wiring, (as referenced in Sec. 2 & 8), for hire/pay within the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon or Town of Vernon is required to pass an examination as required by this Ordinance concerning their ability, experience, training and fitness to engage in such line of work. Such examinations are to begin with the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

Any applicant desiring to take an examination for an electrician's license, where such examination is required by this Article, shall be entitled to take such examination within thirty (30) days after the date of filing and perfecting his application in the office of the Area Plan Commission.

SECTION 12. FAILURE TO PASS EXAMINATION.

In the event of an applicant failing to pass an examination for an electrician's license, he/she may, after thirty (30) calendar days from the filing date of his/her prior application, apply for another examination.

SECTION 13. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION.

When electrical wiring, etc., conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance, then the Building Commissioner/Inspector or his designated representative shall give his certificate of inspection to the person performing such work. The certificate shall state the description and location of such work. The certificate shall state the description and location of the building

inspected and the date the work is approved. If such work shall not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance, then the Building Commissioner/Inspector or his designated representative shall notify the person performing such work wherein it fails to conform. If more than two (2) re-inspections, for the same violation are required, then there shall be an additional inspection fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each such additional inspection.

Three (3) inspections require no additional fee.

SECTION 14. FURNISHING ELECTRIC CURRENT.

No individual shall furnish any electric current to any building hereafter wired for electricity within the County of Jennings, City of North Vernon and Town of Vernon until it has been furnished with a certificate of Inspection signed by the Building Commissioner/Inspector or his designated representative showing that such work conforms to the rules and requirements established in this Ordinance. If power is provided without approval of Building Commissioner/Inspector, the home owner or individual doing wiring and Company supplying electricity are in violation and subject to fines, as deemed by the Board of Electric Examiners.

SECTION 15. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES.

This ordinance shall not relieve any individual from liability for damages or injuries to persons or property because of the installation any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment; nor shall the County of Jennings City of North Vernon, nor Town of Vernon assume any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized in this Ordinance or the certificate of inspection issued as provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 16. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS DATE OF PASSAGE; BY THE JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL AND VERNON TOWN COUNCIL.