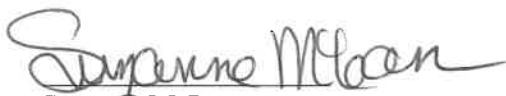


Code of Ordinances, City of Ellsworth

CHAPTER 41
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION

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Section I. APPLICABILITY

This Chapter 41 applies to all installations of electrical equipment, including alterations of and addition to existing electrical equipment, within or on public and private buildings and premises, except the general exceptions set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4152(1)-(7).

STATE LAW REFERENCE—30-A M.R.S.A. § 4152 (APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS).

Section II. ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The provisions of this Chapter 41 shall be administered and enforced by the Electrical Inspector or Deputy Electrical Inspector. The Electrical Inspector and the Deputy Electrical Inspector shall be appointed by the City Council. Whenever the term Electrical Inspector is used hereafter in this Chapter 41, the term shall include the Deputy Electrical Inspector.

STATE LAW REFERENCE—30-A M.R.S.A. § 4171 (LOCAL INSPECTORS).

Section III. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION PERMIT REQUIRED

- A. No electrical equipment shall be installed in, altered, or added to any building, structure, or premises within the City unless an Electrical Installation Permit has been issued in conformity with this Chapter 41.
- B. No permit shall be required to do minor repair work including:
 - i. The replacement of fuses;
 - ii. The installation of additional outlets;
 - iii. The replacement of existing switches, sockets, outlets, and lamps;
 - iv. Repairs to entrance service equipment; and
 - v. Repairs or installation of radio and low voltage equipment.
- C. Emergency work may be undertaken without first obtaining a permit. A permit must then be obtained as soon as is reasonably possible.
- D. No major deviation may be made from the installation described in the permit without the prior written approval of the Electrical Inspector.

STATE LAW REFERENCE—30-A M.R.S.A. § 4173 (PERMITS).

Section IV. APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION PERMIT

An application for an Electrical Installation Permit shall be made in writing to the Electrical Inspector, in duplicate, and shall be signed by the applicant. Application shall be made on a form provided for that purpose by the Electrical Inspector. The application shall be accompanied by a general description of the electrical work to be done. The applicant must also file any additional plans, schedules, or specifications deemed by the Electrical Inspector to be necessary to ensure that the proposed work complies with this Chapter 41.

- A. If the proposed work is to be performed in a single-family structure, the application must be filed by the owner of that structure.
- B. In all other cases, the applicant shall be the licensed master electrician employed to do the proposed work; a holder of a limited license who may obtain a permit within such limited licensee's area of expertise; or the general contractor for the construction project of which the proposed work is a part, providing that the contractor shall provide as part of the application the name, address, and license number of the licensed electrician employed to do the proposed work.

Section V. INVALIDATION OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION PERMIT Any permit issued under this section shall become invalid if:

- A. The authorized work is not commenced within six (6) months after issuance of the permit;
- B. The authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six (6) months after the time of commencing the work;
- C. The authorized work is not completed within twenty-four (24) months after the issuance of the permit; or
- D. The permit holder fails to correct a violation of any provision of this Chapter 41 within the time prescribed in a Notice of Violation.

Section VI. PERMIT FEES

Refer to Chapter 1, Article 3.

Section VII. CONFORMITY TO NFPA CODE

The minimum standards for electrical equipment and installations within the City shall be the standards contained in the most recent edition of the National Electric Code, designated as NFPA 70, as adopted by the State of Maine Electricians' Examining Board.

Section VIII. CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

- A. The applicant, by obtaining a permit, consents to the inspection by the Electrical Inspector of work and equipment described in the permit at such reasonable times and as often as the Electrical Inspector deems reasonably necessary throughout the course of the authorized work so as to ensure compliance with this Chapter 41. A failure to permit such reasonable inspection is expressly made a violation of this Chapter 41.
- B. Prior to the sale, lease, use, or occupancy of any building, structure, portion of a structure, or premises for which an Electrical Installation Permit has been issued, the permit holder must secure a Certificate of Acceptance from the Electrical Inspector stating that the electrical equipment is in conformity with the standards set forth for electrical equipment in Section VII of this Chapter 41. Prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Acceptance, the Electrical Inspector will inspect the property to see that all requirements under this Chapter 41 have been met. A Certificate of Acceptance must be issued or denied within two (2) working days of application for inspection by the permit holder. A failure to issue a Certificate of Acceptance within two (2) working days shall be deemed a denial.

Section IX. ENFORCEMENT

- A. **Complaint to State Electrical Inspector.** Upon the discovery of any electrical equipment that does not comply with the requirements of this Chapter 41, the Electrical Inspector or CEO may make a written complaint to the State Electrical Inspector in accordance with 32 M.R.S.A. § 1104.
- B. **City Enforcement Action.** In addition to the authority in subsection A, above, the Electrical Inspector or CEO is responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Chapter 41 in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 510.

STATE LAW REFERENCE—30-A M.R.S.A. § 4172 (INSPECTIONS).

Section X. EFFECTIVE DATE

Notwithstanding Chapter 1, Section 502, the effective date of Section I, II, and X of this Chapter 41 is the date that the resolution adopting this Chapter 41 is adopted by the City Council, which is June 19, 1989. The effective date of Sections III through IX of this Chapter 41 is September 1, 1989. These effective dates may be amended by the City Council if the City Council determines that a later or earlier date is necessary to effectively implement this Chapter 41 or if public health, welfare and safety require a different effective date.