

ARTICLE 402.001a ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

SECTION I. ELECTRICAL CODE

The National Electrical Code, Standard of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, being the latest edition thereof, is hereby adopted for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal and maintenance of electric wiring and apparatus, including permits and penalties.

SECTION II. ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

There is hereby created the office of Electrical Inspector.

SECTION III. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The Electrical Inspector shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the confirmation of the City Council.

SECTION IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The Electrical Inspector shall have at least two (2) years experience as an electrician, shall be of good moral character, and shall be versed in the approved methods of electrical construction.

SECTION V. COMPENSATION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The Electrical Inspector shall receive such compensation as the City Council may decide.

SECTION VI. DUTIES OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The Electrical Inspector shall have following duties:

- A. To regulate and determine the placing of electric wires or other appliances for electric lights, heat, or power in the City of Mabank, Texas 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 electrical current.
- B. To enforce all provisions of this Article and the Electrical Inspector is hereby granted the authority to enter all buildings in the City of Mabank, Texas for inspection between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m. daily, except that in an emergency and within the limits of reason building may be entered for such purpose at other than the designated hours.
- C. To inspect and/or test all electrical work and equipment or apparatus for compliance with the National Electrical Code whenever electrical wiring, appliances, or apparatus shall be defective or hazardous through improper manufacture or improper or insufficient insulation or for any other reason, the Electrical Inspector shall at once cause the removal of such defect or defects, at the expense of the owners of such wiring, appliance or apparatus.

SECTION VII. 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 load of energy carried by such wires or equipment, nor shall any building or structure be wired for electrical lights, appliances, motors, apparatus, or heating devices nor alteration made thereto without a written permit therefor being first obtained from the city license issuing clerk by the person, firm or corporation having direct charge of such installation.

SECTION VIII. CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY INSPECTION

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 the person, firm or corporation having direct charge of such to notify the Electrical Inspector who shall, as early as possible, inspect such wiring, installation, appliance, and apparatus, and if installation, altered and constructed in compliance with permit and in accordance with the requirements of this Article, shall execute a certification of satisfactory inspection, which shall contain the date of such inspection and the result of the examination but no such certificate shall be issued unless such electrical wiring, motors, heating devices, appliance and apparatus be in strict accord with the rules and requirements and the spirit of the Article, nor shall current be turned on such installation, equipment, appliance, motor, heating device, and be made for such inspection and certification to be determined by the City Council.

SECTION IX. ELECTRICAL 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 with the City of Mabank, Texas shall conform to the rules and requirements of the National Electrical Code current when work is performed or equipment and apparatus installed. However, the necessity, good service and results often require larger sizes of wire, more branch circuits, and better types of equipment than that minimum which is specified in the National Electrical Code. Therefore, the Electrical Inspector 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 Electrical Inspector, where necessary, shall follow the Code procedure for securing official interpretations of the Code.

SECTION X. 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 Mabank, Texas shall, before doing so, obtain a license, the fee for which shall be the amount specified in Article 500.000 which shall be paid into the City Treasury before such license shall become effective.

SECTION XI. BOND REQUIRED

Every person, firm or corporation doing electrical business in the City of Mabank, Texas execute and deliver to the City a bond with a surety bonding company in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) 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 Article.

SECTION XII. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTRICIANS

No license shall be issued until the party applying for same has given satisfactory evidence to the Electrical Inspector of the ability to do electrical work in a safe and satisfactory manner. No permit for installation or alteration of any wiring, heating devices, motors, appliances and apparatus shall be issued until the license and bond herein required have been obtained.

SECTION XIII. FAILURE TO COMPLY

Any person, firm or corporation who shall fail to correct any defect or to meet the required standards after having been given notice of the unfit condition by the Electrical Inspector 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.

SECTION XIV. CUTTING OUT ELECTRIC CURRENT

Upon failure to comply with this code, the Electrical Inspector shall have authority, after due notice, to cut out electrical current in the locality concerned.

SECTION XV. REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL WORK

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 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 his of her own particular job and not by way of performing a service to the public generally.

SECTION XVI. PENALTIES

The violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be a Class C Misdemeanor. Each day during which violation continues shall be a separate offense.