

AN ORDINANCE FOR SAFEGUARDING LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM ELECTRICAL HAZARDS AND THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PRESCRIBING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; DEFINING CERTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR; PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR; REQUIRING CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, and INSTALLATIONS; PRESCRIBING FOR INSPECTION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS; REQUIRING THAT INSPECTIONS BE MADE ON ALL INSTALLATIONS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING; PRESCRIBING THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO CONNECT ELECTRICAL WIRING THAT HAS NOT BEEN INSPECTED TO SOURCES OF ENERGY; REQUIRING THAT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND ELECTRICIANS BE LICENSED; ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF STILWELL:

Section 1. Safeguarding Life and Property from Electrical Hazards: That in order to safeguard life and property from electrical hazards, any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged or offering to engage in the business of electrical contractor as hereinafter defined, or any person performing the work of an electrician, as defined by this Ordinance, shall be licensed or registered as hereinafter provided; and it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in such business or such work unless the terms of this Ordinance shall have been complied with.

Section 2. Application of Provisions of this Act: The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all installations of electrical conductors, wiring, conduits, fixtures, devices, appliances or other electrical equipment or materials, hereinafter defined as electrical wiring, within or on public or private buildings, structures or premises.

Section 3. Definitions: As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

(a) Electrical Contractor, shall mean and include any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business, of, or holding themselves out to the public as being engaged in the business of installing or servicing or repairing, or contracting to install or repair or service any electrical wiring, conduits, devices, fixtures, equipment, or other electrical materials for carrying, using or consuming electrical energy for which a permit is required in Section 7 of this Ordinance.

(b) Electrician, shall mean and include every person doing any work of installing, repairing, servicing or maintaining any electrical wiring, conduits, devices, fixtures, overhead or underground wiring systems, or any other electrical energy.

(c) Electrical wiring, shall mean and include all wiring, fixtures, conduits, appliances, devices, equipment, overhead or underground wiring systems, generating or any other equipment in connection with the general distribution or utilization of electrical energy.

(d) Inspector, shall mean the Administrative Officer provided for by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Electrical Inspector: To carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, there is hereby created the office of Electrical Inspector, who shall be appointed and hold his office by and at the discretion of the Utility Board of the City of Stilwell. He shall be known, ex-officio, as City Electrical Inspector, and he shall have the authority to appoint a deputy to act in his stead with full authority to make inspections in cases where he cannot act,

Section 5. Duties and Authority of the City Electrical Inspector: It shall be the duty and the City Electrical Inspector shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter any building or premises for the purpose of making an inspection, re-inspection or test of the electrical equipment contained therein or of its installation. When any electrical equipment is found by the Inspector to be dangerous to persons or property because it is defective or defectively installed, whether of new construction or not, the person, firm or corporation responsible for the electrical

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equipment shall be notified in writing, and shall make any repairs or changes required in the judgment of the inspector to place such equipment in safe condition, and if such work is not completed within the time specified by the inspector in said notice, the electrical inspector shall have the authority, and it is hereby declared to be his specific duty to notify the the service company, firm, individual or corporation furnishing such electrical energy of such defective wiring or installation and to order cessation of the supply of said electrical energy. Upon the receipt of such notice the service company, firm, individual or corporation furnishing such electrical energy to such defective wiring or installation shall immediately disconnect the service of or to such defective installation and cease to supply electrical energy to such defective installation until notified in writing by the Inspector that said defects have been corrected to specifications required by the Inspector.

It shall be the further duty of the Electrical Inspector, to inspect and supervise the installation of all electrical wiring and equipment including all additions, extensions and equipment or devices used in connection with or to carry electric energy for light, heat or power in or on all the buildings or premises located within the corporate limits of the City, and upon completion of such installation in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance, he shall issue a certificate of inspection, a duplicate of which shall be retained and filed in a permanent manner as a matter of record; and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to connect or to use any electrical wiring or equipment until such certificate is issued. When notified that any such electrical wiring, equipment, devices, and/or installation is in readiness for inspection, the Electrical Inspector shall make such inspection within 24 hours after such notice.

Section 6. Standards for Electrical Equipment and its Installation: All electrical equipment and the methods of installations thereof shall conform with approved standards of construction for safety to life and property, and shall conform to standards provided in the current National Electrical Code, and in addition thereto shall conform to the following:

(a) The minimum size conductor for lighting shall not be less than Number 14 wire.

(b) Six light or (light & receptacles) openings on one circuit of Number 14 wire, and fused at not over 15 Amps.

(c) Eight light or (light & receptacles) openings on one circuit of Number 12 wire, and fused at not over 20 Amps.

(d) Load Centers may be enclosed fust type or circuit breaker t type of size required for load.

(e) Over six circuits load center shall have a fused switch ahead of sufficient capacity to carry branch circuits.

(f) A Box shall be installed at each outlet, switch or junction point of conduit or metallic tubing, around cable or non-metallic cable and at each outlet and switch of concealed knob and tube work. Conduits and cables shall be connected to box or fitting with approved locknuts and bushings, connectors or clamps.

(g) Conduits and Cables shall be continuous from outlet to outlet or fitting to fitting and there shall be no splices in connectors from box to box.

(h) All Electrical equipment shall be installed in a neat and workmanlike manner. Conduit and conductors and equipment shall be carefully secured in place. All joints shall be soldered and taped with rubber and friction tape

(i) When any part of an electrical wiring installation is to be hidden from view by the permanent placement of parts of the building or in concealed construction, the Electrical Inspector shall be immediately notified and such parts of the wiring installation shall not be concealed until they have been inspected and approved by the Electrical Inspector.

(j) Location for meter service shall be located by light company servicing building or premises when proper permit issued, and at such time as wiring permit, hereinafter provided for is issued, the servicing company shall furnish free of charge to the contractor a Meter Base.

(k) Service entrance cable or conduit shall be used with wire size large enough to take care of the load to be served and in no event will wire smaller than number 8 be used for service. Service head to be installed not less than nine feet above ground, and with tails of not less than two feet or enough to reach city drops to building or premises. Water Tight connectors shall be used with entrance cables and all Service Fuse Boxes located where exposed to weather shall be of rain proof type.

Section 7. Permits: Before any electrical wiring shall be installed within, or on any building, structure or premises, publicly owned, or before any alteration or addition may be made to any such existing installation to which the provisions of this Ordinance applies, a permit therefor shall be secured from the City Treasurer of the City of Stilwell, and shall pay to the City Treasurer for such permit so issued the sum of \$1.00 which is to pay for the inspection by the Inspector of such installation. Permits shall only be issued on the payment of the fee in advance and all applications for permit shall show the number of outlets for which permits are issued. If for any reason, after a permit is issued, it is necessary to provide additional outlets, a fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for same and new permit must be taken out to cover same. The fee provided herein shall cover inspection charges for as many as three inspections of the same job, after which if it becomes necessary to make additional inspections, all extra trips of inspection shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.00 per trip, to be paid to the inspector by the contractor.

Section 8. Licensing of Electrical Contractors and Electricians: No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall engage in business as an electrical contractor and/or electrician on electrical wiring which comes with the provisions of this Ordinance without first securing a license as an electrical contractor and/or electrician, from the City of Stilwell, same to be issued upon application to the City Treasurer of the City of Stilwell, and the payment of a license fee in the sum of \$25.00 per year to such City Treasurer. In addition to the fee herein provided for such applicant for such license must post a surety bond in the sum of \$100.00 with the City Treasurer, as a guarantee that all electrical wiring and equipment installed by such Electrical Contractor and/or Electrician will be in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 9. Penalties: Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine & Costs of not more than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 10. Liability for Damages: This Ordinance shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of liability of any party owning operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment, of damages to persons or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the City of Stilwell be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection or the examination authorized herein or the certificate of approval or the license and certificate therefor issued as herein provided.

Section 11. Validity: If any Section, Sub-Section, Sentence, Clause or Phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stilwell hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each Section, Sub-section, Sentence, Clause or Phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more Sections, Sub-sections, Sentences, Clauses or Phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 12. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 13. By reason of the fact that the City of Stilwell, Oklahoma, is short of revenues for the purpose of maintaining City Government, and for the purpose of protecting and promoting the public health, safety and welfare of said City and its inhabitants, it is hereby declared that an emergency exists by reason whereof this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved, and the emergency voted on separately and passed this 1st day of May, 1950.

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City Mayor

Attest: *[Signature]*
City Clerk.

Approved as to Form. *Jean R. Reed, acting*, City Attorney.