

ORDINANCE NO. 301-1977

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL WIRING, DEVICES, APPLIANCES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION THEREOF THROUGH THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS; DESIGNATING THAT ALL INSPECTIONS SHALL BE DONE BY THE ELECTRIC INSPECTION BUREAU INCORPORATED; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATION TO THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS the residents of the City of Dry Ridge receive electrical service from three sources, The City of Williamstown, Owen County Rural Electric Co-operative, and the Union Light Heat and Power Company, and

WHEREAS each of these electricity supplies have different policies about providing a service connection to structures which have been newly constructed, or remodeled, or re-wired, and

WHEREAS the public safety of the citizens of Dry Ridge, and the protection of their property through the elimination of hazardous and dangerous conditions likely to cause fire, mandate a uniform standard of safety and wiring done according to a code, and

WHEREAS the Kentucky Public Service Commission has adopted the National Electrical Code, with one modification which requires the service wire to be TWELVE FEET (12 feet.) in height, and has further been assigned the task by the Legislature of certifying electrical inspectors,

NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Dry Ridge does ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE

All Electrical wiring, including re-wiring, and additions to existing wiring, before commencement thereof, require a building permit from the City of Dry Ridge.

SECTION TWO

All electrical wiring within the City of Dry Ridge shall, when installed for the purpose of being connected to a source of

electrical energy, be sufficiently insulated, supported and protected to be free from hazards to life and property caused by over-loading, short-circuiting, and improper protection or installation of electrical equipment.

SECTION THREE

All electrical wiring shall be in full compliance with the latest revision of the National Electrical Code, promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, subject to any modifications thereof made or to be made by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, in the form of rules and regulations known as the standards of safety.

SECTION FOUR

The City of Dry Ridge hereby adopts the National Electrical Code, current edition, as modified by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, as the electrical code of the City of Dry Ridge.

SECTION FIVE

The Electric Inspection Bureau, Incorporated, a duly recognized electrical inspection bureau, operating within the State of Kentucky, is hereby designated and authorized to make the necessary inspections in order to ascertain whether or not the provisions of this Ordinance are being fully complied with.

SECTION SIX

The Electric Inspection Bureau, Incorporated, shall have the right to charge a reasonable fee, which shall be full and complete compensation for services rendered by it in the making of said inspections, which fee shall also include the rendering of a written report. Said fee shall be paid by the Contractor or person or persons performing or installing said electrical wiring or equipment, and no part thereof shall be paid by the City of Dry Ridge. The fees to be charged and paid for the inspections and the issuing of the Certificate of Approval, hereinafter provided for, shall be in accordance with the recognized scale of fees charged for similar work and inspections by said Electric Inspection Bureau, Incorporated, and shall not be in excess thereof.

SECTION SEVEN

Before commencing the wiring, re-wiring, or additions to existing wiring, or the installation of electrical equipment and devices within the City of Dry Ridge, the property owner or his contractor shall apply for a building permit with the Administrative Official of the City of Dry Ridge, setting forth the scope of work to be done. The City will transmit a copy of the building permit to the Electric Inspection Bureau, Incorporated. No work shall commence until the Bureau has been notified.

SECTION EIGHT

The Bureau shall furnish to the City of Dry Ridge a certificate approving the rough-in wiring, and shall furnish to the City of Dry Ridge a certificate approving the wiring when installation is complete.

SECTION NINE

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, including any supplier of electricity, to connect with or furnish electrical current to any structure within the corporate limits of the City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, until after such electrical installation shall have been inspected and approved by the Bureau, and a certificate of approval issued by the Bureau, and filed with the Dry Ridge City Clerk.

SECTION TEN

All contractors who perform electrical wiring in the City of Dry Ridge or who install electrical equipment, shall possess the required City Occupational License. Should any contractor possessing an occupational license from the City of Dry Ridge fail to abide by the terms of this Ordinance, such failure shall be grounds for the revocation of his occupational license.

SECTION ELEVEN

Any person, firm co-operative association, and supplier of electricity, which violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than

\$100.00, plus court costs, for each offense, and each day that said person, firm, co-operative association and supplier of electricity violates this Ordinance, or any provision hereof constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION TWELVE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote and protect the public safety of the citizens of Dry Ridge, and to the greatest extent possible, protect their property, by establishing a standard for the installation of electrical wiring and equipment promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association. The City of Dry Ridge does not assume liability for electrical wiring done, or electrical equipment installed, by virtue of requiring such to be inspected by a certified inspector.

SECTION THIRTEEN

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person, firm, co-operative association, corporation, or supplier of electricity shall be hereafter held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect or impair the remainder of the ordinance, it being the legislative intent to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence, and part thereof, separately and independently of each other.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 2nd day of May, 1977.


Robert R. Wallace, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anna Breeden, City Clerk