

## CHAPTER 458

### ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL CODE

**458.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Chapter is to establish regulations for the installation of electrical work, including the placing of wires and other equipment as defined by the Wisconsin Statutes.

**458.02 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.**

(1) Appointment – Term – Salary. The City Council shall appoint an electrical inspector. He shall hold office until removal by the City Council, or until his successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified. The electrical inspector shall receive such salary as may be prescribed by the City Council.

(2) Power and Duties. The electrical inspector shall faithfully perform all the duties imposed upon such officer by the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin, by the Electrical Code and by local regulations adopted by the City Council. It shall be his duty to see that all of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, all rules and regulations of the Industrial Commission and all of the ordinances and regulations of the City of Richland Center, which relate to the installation of electrical work, be enforced.

(3) Records and Reports. The said electrical inspector shall prepare suitable forms for all applications, permits and estimates herein required; he shall keep a proper daily record of all the transactions of his office and shall file a monthly report covering the same, with the City Council. He shall also at the end of each year prepare and present to the City Council a report showing the receipts of his office and a summary of the work of his department during the year, setting forth therein the total number of permits issued, approved and rejected, the number of installations made and rejected.

**458.03 STATE CODE TO GOVERN.** All electrical work, including the placing of wires and other equipment, shall conform to the Wisconsin State Electrical Code as defined in the Wisconsin Administrative Code, which is hereby made by reference a part of this Chapter.

**458.04 PERMITS, LICENSES AND DEPOSITS REQUIRED.** No electric wiring or other equipment shall be installed or altered without first securing a permit therefore from the City electrical inspector, except for repairs or replacements of broken or defective sockets, switches or base receptacles may be made without a permit. The application for such permit shall be on a form furnished by the electrical inspector and shall state clearly the work, plan, alterations to be made, and the equipment and materials to be used. All later deviations from such plan must be submitted to and approved by the electrical inspector.

**458.05 INSPECTION OF WORK.** After roughing in the wiring of any building and before any such work is covered up, or upon completion of any outside wiring

construction work, it shall be the duty of the person performing such work to notify the electrical inspector, who shall at once inspect, or cause to be inspected, the same. Upon completion of such wiring, the inspector shall be notified and shall inspect, or cause to be inspected, the finished work. If he finds the work conforms to the State electrical code, he shall issue a certificate of compliance which contains the date and the outline of the results of such inspection, a duplicate of which shall be filed by location in the office of the electrical inspector. It shall be unlawful to use any such electrical equipment until such certificate has been issued.

**458.06 PENALTIES.** Any person who shall install electrical work in any building, except for minor repairs, without having first obtained a written permit for doing such work from the electrical inspector, shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 or not more than \$400.00. No unwritten permit shall be recognized.

**458.07 FEES.** The fee for an electrical permit shall be \$2.00.

**458.08 VALIDITY.** Should any section, clause or provision of this Chapter be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Chapter as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**458.09 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, neglects, omits or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Chapter, shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$400.00 together with the costs of prosecution, and in case of failure to pay such forfeiture may be imprisoned until such judgment is paid, but not to exceed 90 days and every day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**458.10 CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Chapter are hereby repealed.

**458.11 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Chapter shall be in full force and effect from and after July 17, 1967.

(History: Ord 458)