

ORDINANCE NO. 1-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 10, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE SEWARD ELECTRICAL CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATION NUMBER 70 AS ADOPTED IN WHOLE OR AMENDED IN PART FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD BY REFERENCE; TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE SEWARD ELECTRICAL CODE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Amendment. That Chapter 9, Article 10 of the Municipal Code of Seward, Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

§9-1001 ELECTRICAL CODE; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. Except as hereinafter provided by specific changes, the latest Edition of National Electrical Code, National Fire Protection Publication Number 70 as adopted in whole or amended in part from time to time by the State Electrical Board is hereby adopted. One printed copy of this document is filed in the office of the Building Inspector and City Clerk's office of the City of Seward for use of and examination by the public. (Ref. 18,132, 19,922 RS Neb.; 6-3-32 code 1964) (Amended by Ord. Nos. 16-81, 5/5/81; 14-83, 6/7/83; 17-87, 8/18/87; 16-90, 6/19/90; 14-92, 6/16/92; 29-93, 8/17/93 ; 51-97, 10/21/97; 32-00, 8/01/00: (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

§9-1002 ELECTRICAL CODE; CITATION OF CODE. This Article shall be known as the "Seward Electrical Code" and may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code". The word "shall" as used in this Article indicates a mandatory rule.

§9-1003 ELECTRICAL CODE; ADMINISTRATION. The Building Inspector, or an authorized representative of the Building Inspector , is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this Code.

§9-1004 ELECTRICAL CODE; DEFECTIVE OR IMPROPERLY OPERATING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT; NOTICE TO OWNER; DISCONTINUANCE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE.

A. The Building Inspector shall examine or cause to be examined any electrical equipment within or on any building or premises reported to be defective or in improper operating condition. If such equipment is found to be defective or in improper operating condition so as to constitute a danger to persons or property, the Building Inspector shall give to the owner of such building or premises written notice stating the deficiencies found to exist. This notice may require the owner or person having charge or control of such building or premises, within forty-eight (48) hours, to commence work to correct such deficiencies, and all such work shall be completed within ten (10) days from the date of notice, unless otherwise stipulated by the Building Inspector.

NOTE: As used in this Article, "constitute a danger to persons or property" shall mean: In the opinion of the Building Inspector or authorized representative of the Building Inspector there are code violations or wiring deficiencies which comprise a fire hazard or shock hazard.

B. Proper service of such notice shall be by personal service upon the owner of record or by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to said owner's last known address. The designated period within which said owner or persons having charge or control is required to comply with the order of the Building Inspector shall begin as of the date said owner receives such notice. In cases where the owner cannot be reached or refuses to reply after the provisions of subsection B. have been implemented, the provisions of subsection C. shall take

precedence.

- C. The Building Inspector or an authorized representative are hereby vested with the authority to order the discontinuance of electrical service to any building or premises where such deficiencies in electrical equipment have not been corrected within the time specified by such notice. In the case of emergency, the Building Inspector or any authorized representative are hereby vested with the authority to immediately order the discontinuance of electrical service to any building or premises where the same is necessary for the protection of persons or property. Existing installation shall not be deemed a deficiency, provided the wiring when originally completed was installed in accordance with the provisions of the electrical code then in force and has been maintained in that condition.

D. Electrical Installation: Temporary Use of Current.

1. The Building Inspector may permit, at his discretion, the temporary use of electrical wiring before final approval thereof, whenever any unnecessary hardship would otherwise result, and inspection can effectively be made after the commencement of the temporary use. A meter when installed in the regular meter socket, if left unsealed, shall be considered as temporary use of electrical energy under this provision. (Amended by Ord. No. 32-00, 8/01/00)
2. The Building Inspector shall place those restrictions upon temporary use as necessary to insure safety, to secure compliance with all other provisions of this Article, and to facilitate inspection. (Amended by Ord. No. 32-00, 8/01/00)
3. No temporary use of electrical energy shall be permitted in any case where a hazard to life or property would be created.
4. The temporary use of electrical energy may be ordered discontinued and the supply discontinued upon notice to the user.

§9-1005 BUILDING Inspector; RIGHT OF ENTRY.

- A. Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of or perform any duty imposed by this code, or whenever the Building Inspector or an authorized representative of the Building Inspector has reasonable cause to believe there exists within or on any building or premises dangerous, hazardous, or unsafe for any reason specified in this code, or that work is being done without a permit or work being done by an unlicensed person or persons, then the Building Inspector or authorized representative are hereby authorized to enter within or on such building or premises any reasonable time to inspect the same and perform any duty imposed upon the Building Inspector by this code; provided, that (1) if such building or premises be occupied, the Building Inspector or an authorized representative shall first present proper credentials to the occupant and request entry, explaining their reasons therefor, and (2) if such building or premises be unoccupied, the Building Inspector or an authorized representative shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person having charge or control of such building or premises and request entry, explaining their reasons therefor. If such entry is refused or cannot be obtained because the owner or other person having charge or control of such building or premises cannot be found after due diligence, the Building Inspector or authorized representative of the Building Inspector shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure lawful entry and inspect such building or premises.
- B. "Authorized representative" shall mean Department of Building Inspector personnel possessing the requisite knowledge to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of an electrical Inspector.

§9-1006 BUILDING INSPECTOR; RELIEVED FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY. The Building Inspector or an authorized representative charged with enforcement of this code, when acting in good faith and without malice, are hereby relieved from

all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to any person or property as a result of any act required by this code, or by reason of any act or omission of the Building Inspector or an authorized representative in the discharge of their duties hereunder. Any suit brought against the Building Inspector or authorized representative, because of any such act or omission in the enforcement of this code, shall be defended by the City Law Department until final determination of such proceedings.

§9-1007 ELECTRICAL CODE; BYPASSING METERS.

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who bypasses the electric meter shall be deemed in violation of this code. Proper metering and overcurrent protection shall be installed immediately or the service entrance conductors shall be disconnected.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any seller of electric current to continue to sell electric current to any person, firm or corporation described in subsection A. above, unless the required service equipment and meter are installed as provided therein.

§9-1008 ELECTRICAL CODE; SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Article shall be adjudged invalid, or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

§9-1009 ELECTRICAL CODE; PENALTY.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this code to fail or to neglect to comply with the provisions of this code.
- B. Any person, upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this Article who shall fail, neglect or refuse to perform such duty or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) recoverable with costs, or both. Each day a violation of any provision of this code continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

§9-1010 ELECTRICAL ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD; CREATION. There is hereby created an Electrical Advisory and Appeals Board which shall consist of four (4) members and shall be referred to herein as the Electrical Board.

Membership on the Electrical Board shall consist of the following:

- A. The Building Inspector, ex officio;
- B. The Light Commissioner;
- C. One (1) registered master electrician;
- D. One (1) registered master electrician engaged in the electrical contracting business.

The members of said Board shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council for a term of two (2) years. Should any member be sooner removed from office, or resign, or a vacancy occur, a new member to fill such vacancy shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council for the unexpired term. The Building Inspector shall be Secretary of the Board and shall keep a record of all meetings.

§9-1011 ELECTRICAL BOARD; AUTHORITY AND DUTIES. The Electrical Board shall:

- A. Advise the Mayor regarding the determination of the suitability of alternate materials and methods of installation, and the reasonable interpretations of the provisions of this code. The Board shall make recommendations to the Mayor at the Mayor's request. The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render all recommendations in writing to the Mayor.

- B. Have power and authority to adopt necessary rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this code for the applicants for registration and suspension or revocation of registration as provided in this code. Any such rules and regulations or amendments thereto shall be approved by the Mayor. The Electrical Board shall determine the minimum qualifications for applicants for registrations as part of the rules and regulations.
- C. Have power and authority to hear and determine appeals by any person who is aggrieved by a decision, notice, or order of the Building Inspector under this code.
- D. Hold an annual meeting on the fourth (4th) Wednesday in April of each year, at which meeting a chairperson shall be elected for the ensuing year.
- E. Hold special meetings upon the call of the Chairperson, or upon written receipt signed by two (2) of its members and filed with the Secretary.

§9-1012 ELECTRICAL BOARD; APPEALS FROM DECISION, NOTICE OR ORDER OF BUILDING Inspector.

- A. Any person who is aggrieved by a decision, notice, or order of the Building Inspector under this code may appeal such decision to the Electrical Board by filing such appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision. Upon request, the Building Inspector shall furnish such aggrieved person with an appeal form, which upon completion and filing within the prescribed time and payment of the prescribed fee, shall be sufficient for the purpose of commencing an appeal proceeding hereunder.
 - 1. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) fee for review of a decision of the Building Inspector interpreting a provision or provisions of this code;
 - 2. A forty y dollar (\$40.00) fee for review of a decision of the Building Inspector concerning the suitability of alternate materials or types of installation.
- B. The Building Inspector shall refer all properly and timely filed appeals to the Electrical Board for hearing. The Secretary of said Board shall in each appeal notify the appellant in writing of the date, time, and place of hearing before the Board, which date shall be no later than thirty (30) days from the filing of the appeal. Such notice shall be served upon the appellant by personal service or registered mail.
- C. Hearing on appeal need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Oral evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the type of evidence upon which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which may make improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions in courts of competent jurisdiction in this state. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. The appellant, the Boardmembers, the Building Inspector, and any other party to any appeal hereunder shall have these rights, among others:
 - 1. To call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing;
 - 2. To introduce documentary and physical evidence;
 - 3. To cross-examine opposing witness on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing; and
 - 4. To rebut evidence.
- D. The Electrical Board shall then within 15 days time after the hearing render a written decision which shall state its findings and conclusions. Decisions of the Electrical Board may be appealed as provided by law. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)
- B. Enforcement of any decision, notice, or order of the Building Inspector

issued under this code shall be stayed during the pendency of any appeal therefrom which is properly and timely filed, except in cases of emergency, where enforcement of the same is necessary for the protection of persons or property.

§9-1013 ELECTRICAL CODE; SCOPE.

A. The provisions of this code shall apply within the corporate limits of the City of Seward and within two (2) miles thereof according to the following classes:

1. All electric conductors and equipment installed within or on public and private buildings, and other premises including yards, carnival and parking lots, and industrial substations.
2. All conductors that connect electrical installations to a supply of electricity, and other outside conductors adjacent to a premises.
3. All modular manufactured (mobile) homes and travel trailers.
EXCEPTION: The installation during original construction.
4. All privately owned street or parking lot lighting.
5. Alternate energy sources.
6. Legally required fire alarms and emergency systems regardless of operating voltage.
7. Floating buildings.

B. The provisions of this code shall not apply to the following:

1. Installation in ships, watercraft, railway rolling stock, aircraft, or automotive vehicles.
2. Installations underground in mines.
3. Installations of railways for generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power used exclusively for operation of rolling stock or installations used exclusively for signaling and communication purposes.
4. Installations of communication equipment under exclusive control of communication utilities, located outdoors or in building spaces used exclusively for such installations.
EXCEPTION: The requirements of Article 300-22 shall apply to such wiring.
5. Installations under the exclusive control of electric utilities for the purpose of communication, or metering, or for the generation, control transformation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy located in buildings and used exclusively by utilities for such purposes or located outdoors on property owned or leased by the utility, or on public highways, streets, roads, or other public ways, or outdoors established rights on private or public property.
6. Electrical apparatus used for radio transmission in amateur transmitting stations; however, the provisions of this code shall apply to all electrical equipment used for power supply to such radio transmitting apparatus.

§9-1014 ELECTRICAL CODE; PERMITS REQUIRED.

A. No person, firm or corporation other than a registered master electrician, journeyman, or apprentice of an electrical contracting company, registered maintenance electricians or homeowners under certain conditions set forth in section 9-1016 shall install, alter or add to any electrical equipment, and no such installation, alteration or addition shall be made without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Building Inspector. Permits may be issued only to registered master electricians, registered maintenance electricians, and homeowners in accordance with section 9-1016 or general contractors listing name of his registered subcontractor.

B. No permit, license or registration shall be required to execute any of the classes of electrical work as follows:

1. Minor repair work such as, but not limiting the generality of the term to, repairing flush and snap switches, replacing fuses, changing lamp sockets and receptacles, taping joints, repairing drop cords, and repairing appliances, motors and other devices when not attached to permanent wiring; the wiring which is an integral part of machinery, appliances, or vehicles; experimental work of a temporary nature in testing laboratories of electrical shops, educational institutions and the like; wiring supplied with current by approved bell-ringing transformers; and the attaching of portable appliances to existing outlets.
2. The installation, alteration or repair of electrical equipment for the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence by wire.
EXCEPTION: The requirements of Article 300-22 shall apply to such wiring.
3. The installation, alteration or repair of electrical equipment installed by or for an electricity supply agency for the use of such agency in the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electricity.
4. Installation, alteration or repair made to electrical equipment, where such equipment operates at a voltage not exceeding fifty (50) volts, except emergency alarm systems and other installations specifically referred to in this code. Regardless of operating voltage, all conductors of any system shall comply with the requirements of Article 300-22. This shall not be construed as preemption of National Electric Code Requirements for low voltage systems such as those found in NEC Articles 411,480 and Chapters 5,6,7 and 8. Amended by (Ord. No. 32-00 , 8,1,00)
5. Repairs made by and within the authority granted to the holders of maintenance registrations as provided in this code.
6. Any work involved in the manufacture, test, or repair of electrical materials, devices, appliances or apparatus, but not including any permanent wiring other than that required for testing purposes.
7. Repair or replacement of motors on fixed approved appliances of the same type and rating in the same location.
8. (i) The adjustment, repair or maintenance of appliances designed to consume natural or artificial gas, full oils or coal; provided, this exception shall not permit the replacement of an existing motor with one of a different rating.

(ii) The exceptions enumerated in subsection (i) above shall not be construed to exempt any person, firm or corporation from compliance with the standards prescribed by this code for the installation of electrical equipment, or from inspection as provided herein.

C. Electrical equipment installed and connected to a source of electrical power by a nonregistered person or a registered person or homeowner without a permit shall constitute a violation of this code and be subject to the penalty of section 9-1009 of this code.

§9-1015 ELECTRICAL CODE; ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. Applications for permits to install, alter or add to electrical equipment shall be on forms furnished for that purpose by the Building Inspector and shall contain all information necessary to the lawful enforcement of the provisions of this code. Each application shall be accompanied by such plans and specifications as are required to determine that the work proposed conforms to the requirements of this code. The approval of any plans and specifications shall not be construed to sanction any violation of this code.

When the Building Inspector determines that the information on an application is in conformance with this code, the Building Inspector shall issue a permit upon receipt of the permit fees hereinafter prescribed. No permittee shall deviate materially from any approved plans or specifications or fail, neglect, or refuse to comply therewith, unless permission to do so

has been obtained from the Building Inspector or an authorized representative.

The issuance of a permit based upon plans and specifications shall not prevent the Building Inspector from hereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans and specifications or preventing the initiation or continuance of work thereunder when in violation of this code or any other ordinance.

§9-1016 ELECTRICAL CODE; INSTALLATION BY HOMEOWNER. Citizens may install electrical wiring only in a single family residence which they own and occupy or will occupy as their home. All electrical wiring installed by homeowners shall be for themselves, without compensation or pay from or to any other person for such labor or installation. Such installation by a homeowner shall comply with the requirements of this code, and the homeowner in exercising this privilege shall not constitute or be considered as an electrical contractor. The homeowner shall be required to file plans, demonstrate knowledge of code requirements, apply for and secure a permit, pay the required permit fees, and call for all inspections in the manner provided by this code. Homeowner permits shall be valid for eighteen (18) months from date of issuance.

The Department of Building Inspection may deny the issuance of electrical permits to homeowners if any one of the following items is questionable:

- A. There is reason to believe the proposed electrical work will be done by someone other than the owner;
- B. There is reason to believe the property is or will be sold on the completion of the electrical work;
- C. Previous homeowner electrical permits have not been completed in compliance with this code;
- D. The owner is temporarily residing in the home.

If the homeowner is found to have at any time violated or falsified any of the above items, they shall immediately cease all electrical work, forfeit the homeowner's permit, and obtain a registered electrical contractor to complete the electrical work in compliance with the code.

Appointments for required inspections shall not be made with the exception that inspection requests may be scheduled for a given day. The inspection shall be performed on the day requested by the homeowner. The homeowner, if unable to be present during the normal working hours of a day, shall be required to supply a key or other means of access for the inspection to be performed. Homeowners may be granted one (1) reinspection per permit without reinspection fee charge. Further reinspection will require payment of the reinspection fee provided for in the electrical permit fee schedule.

§9-1017 ELECTRICAL CODE; INSPECTIONS; CONDUCTED BY BUILDING INSPECTOR. The Building Inspector or an authorized representative are hereby authorized to make such inspections and take such action provided by law as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this code.

§9-1018 MUNICIPAL CODE; INSPECTIONS; REQUIRED. The installation, alteration or addition to any electrical equipment for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspections by the Building Inspector or an authorized representative.

§9-1019 ELECTRICAL CODE; INSPECTIONS; REQUEST FOR. Inspections of the installation, alteration, repair or addition to electrical equipment under the provisions of this code shall be requested by the person, firm, corporation or authorized representative holding the permit for such work. The Building Inspector may require that every request for inspection be filed at least one (1) working day before the inspection is desired. Such request may be in writing or by telephone, at the option of the Building Inspector. It shall be the duty of the person requesting inspection of electrical equipment to

provide access to and a means for proper inspection of such equipment. The person requesting final inspection shall determine that the electrical equipment is operational before requesting such final inspection.

§9-1020 ELECTRICAL CODE; INSPECTIONS; PROCEDURES.

- A. No portion of any electrical equipment intended to be concealed by any permanent portion of a building shall be concealed until inspected and approved by the Building Inspector. When the installation, alteration or addition to any electrical equipment is complete, a final inspection shall be made. Failure of the contractor to schedule and request such final inspection shall be reason for withholding the issuance of further permits.
- B. When the Building Inspector finds an installation to not be in compliance with this code, the Inspector shall issue a correction order. The correction order shall be issued to the person, firm or corporation holding the permit for the work. The order shall specify a date, not less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of this order, when a final inspection shall be made. If at the time of final inspection the installation has not been brought into compliance, a disconnection order may be issued by the Building Inspector.
- C. The requirements of this section shall not be considered to prohibit the temporary use of electrical energy for electric wiring, before final approval thereof when so authorized by the Building Inspector and with such restrictions upon such temporary use as may be necessary to ensure safety, secure compliance with all other provisions of this code, and facilitate inspection.

A meter installed in the regular meter socket and left unsealed shall be considered a temporary use of electrical energy under this section.

The temporary use of electrical energy may be ordered discontinued and the supply disconnected upon notice to the user by the Building Inspector. No temporary use of electrical energy shall be permitted in any case where a hazard to persons or property would be created.

- D. A final inspection certificate of approval may, upon notice, be revoked by the Building Inspector if it is found that the electrical equipment fails in any respect to comply with the requirements of this code, or that the installation is unsafe to persons or property. Corrections not made and approved by the Building Inspector in the allotted time shall be grounds for withholding further permits until correction are made and approved by the Building Inspector.

§9-1021 ELECTRICAL CODE; REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

- A. Application for registration as a master electrician, journeyman electrician, or electrician's apprentice shall be made to the Building Inspector on a form furnished by the Building Inspector for such purpose. Such form shall require the name and address of the applicant, and such other relevant information as may be required by the Building Inspector. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)
- B. No person, firm or corporation shall install, alter, or add to any electrical equipment, except such installations as are described in section 9-1016 within the corporate limits of the City of Seward and two (2) miles thereof without first being registered to do so as hereinafter provided. Work done by employees of and for the holders of maintenance registrations pursuant and within the scope of work permitted by such registration shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section.
- C. Persons holding a State of Nebraska Class A Electrical Contractor License, Class A Master Electrician License, Class A Journeyman Electrician License, State Apprentice License, shall register their state license and submit the insurance certificate herein required annually with the Building Inspector before performing any electrical work covered by this code. No electrical permits shall be issued to any

state license holder until such registration and insurance certificate are approved. A registration fee shall accompany all applications for registration. State electrical licenses, except those four (4) mentioned above, will not be recognized by the City of Seward as being in compliance with this code. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

- D. Automatic registration. Any master electrician State Class A license holder, journeyman electrician, electrician's apprentice, duly registered at the time of the adoption of this code shall be automatically registered in the same classification under the provisions of this code.
- E. A valid registration or license of one (1) or more of the classifications listed above shall be carried at all times while work is being executed. Any person checked and found to not be in possession of such license shall immediately cease work and obtain said license prior to engaging in further electrical installation.

§9-1022 ELECTRICAL CODE; REGISTRATION FEES. Each applicant for a new registration shall pay the following fees. Upon initial issuance or subsequent annual renewal of a City registration certificate, a registration fee shall be paid as follows:

Master Electrician Registration Fee	
Initial	\$ 60.00
Renewal	\$ 30.00
Journeyman Electrical Registration Fee	
Initial	\$ 30.00
Renewal	\$ 15.00
Electrician's Apprentice Registration Fee.	\$ 5.00

(Amended by Ord. No. 28-93, 8/17/93; Ord. No. 32-00, 8,1,00;(Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

§9-1023 ELECTRICAL CODE; CLASSIFICATION OF CITY REGISTRATIONS.

There shall be three (3) classes of registration as follows:

- A. Master electricians are hereby defined as those persons holding a valid State of Nebraska Class A Electrical Contractors or Class A Master Electrician License. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)
- B. Journeyman electrician. Journeyman electrician is hereby defined as those persons holding a valid State of Nebraska Class A Journeyman (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)
- C. Electrician's apprentice. as those persons holding a valid State of Nebraska apprentice License. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

§9-1024 ELECTRICAL CODE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. All registrations provided by this code shall expire on April 30 of each year.

§9-1025 ELECTRICAL CODE; REGISTRATION TO BE USED ONLY BY HOLDER. No registered electrician of any class herein provided shall allow his or her name to be used by another person, firm, or corporation, directly or indirectly either to obtain a permit, or to install, alter, or add to any electrical equipment.

§9-1026 ELECTRICAL CODE; SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION. The Electrical Board, upon the recommendation of the Building Inspector and after conducting a hearing as herein provided, shall have the power to suspend or revoke any registration of any class of registered electrician hereunder if the same was obtained by error or fraud, or if the holder thereof is shown to be no longer qualified, or if such holder fails to comply with the provisions of this code.

Where the Building Inspector has recommended suspension or revocation of a registered electrician's certificate or registration, the Building Inspector shall cause written notice to be served upon the registered electrician whose registration has been recommended for suspension or revocation setting forth the time and place for a public hearing thereon. Such written notice shall be served by certified mail or registered mail to the registrant's last known business address. At such hearing, the Electrical Board shall hear all parties concerned and afford them the following rights, among others:

- A. To call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing;
- B. To introduce documentary and physical evidence;
- C. To cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing; and
- D. To rebut the evidence against him or her.

The Electrical Board shall then within a reasonable time after the hearing render a written decision, setting forth its findings and conclusions. If a certificate is revoked, the holder of the same shall not apply for a new registration until one (1) year after the date of such revocation. Decisions of the Electrical Board are final unless appealed as provided by law.

§9-1027 ELECTRICAL CODE; CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE; MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

Before any master electrician as defined herein may be issued a permit to install, alter, or repair alarms, they shall deposit with the Building Inspector a certificate of liability insurance coverage, which insurance coverage shall be subject to the approval of the City Attorney, providing liability insurance coverage for all claims arising out of all work within the jurisdiction of the City of Seward done by or under such master electrician's or fire alarm installer's supervision under the provisions of the Seward Municipal Code. Such insurance shall be in the minimum amounts of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the injury or death of any one (1) person, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for the injury or death of any number of persons, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for property damage arising out of any one (1) accident or occurrence on any job which a permit is required under this code; and both such master electrician and the City of Seward shall be named insured thereunder. Separate certificates of insurance showing the master electrician to be covered under one policy and the City to be covered under another policy may be deposited in lieu of a single certificate at the option of the master electrician. All certificates of insurance shall provide that in the event of expiration or cancellation of any said minimum insurance requirements, the Building Inspector of the City of Seward, Nebraska, shall be given at least thirty (30) days advance written notice thereof. Expiration or cancellation of any insurance coverage required by this section shall constitute an automatic and immediate termination of the master electrician's privilege to be issued permits under the provisions of this code, unless other insurance meeting the requirements of this section is provided and in force and effect at the time of such expiration or cancellation. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

§9-1028 through §9-1040 (REPEALED) (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

§9-1041 ELECTRICAL CODE; CODE COORDINATION. The electrical contractor shall become familiar with the requirements of other codes (such as the Building Code, Mechanical Code, Fire Code, and their adoptive ordinances) enforced in this jurisdiction, the provisions of which apply to electrical installations. Power for fire pumps shall be supplied in accordance with NFPA 20. (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

ADVISORY NOTES: Smoke Alarm Installation, See current edition of adopted Building Code.

§9-1042 ELECTRICAL CODE; PERMIT FEES. Before a permit to install, alter, or add to electrical equipment shall be issued, a fee for such permit shall be paid to the Building Inspector as set forth below. Said permit shall be valid

for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance.

Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started prior to obtaining a permit, the fees hereinafter specified shall be doubled; however, the payment of such double fees shall not relieve any person, firm or corporation from fully complying with requirements of this code.

There shall be no refunds or credits given on unused permits which have expired. Permit holders returning an unused permit prior to the expiration date of the permit shall be limited to a maximum refund amounting to two-thirds (2/3) of the original fee, with the remaining one-third (1/3) to be used to pay in part the cost of processing the permit.

A. Fees:

1 to 100 Amperes	\$12.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
101 to 200 Amperes	\$17.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
201 to 300 Amperes	\$30.00 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
301 to 400 Amperes	\$42.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
401 to 500 Amperes	\$55.00 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
501 to 600 Amperes	\$67.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
601 to 700 Amperes	\$67.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
701 to 800 Amperes	\$92.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
801 to 900 Amperes	\$105.00 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
901 to 1000 Amperes	\$117.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
Over 1,000 Amperes	
First 1,000 Amperes	\$117.50
Each additional	
100 Amperes	\$12.50 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
Remodel or Existing	
Service	\$10.00 plus \$2.75 per branch circuit
Residential	(Maximum of 30 circuits)

B. Low Voltage Control \$10.00 plus \$2.75 per zone

(Ref. 6-3-24 Code 1964) (Amended by Ord. Nos. 1078, 5/3/77; 1131, 4/4/78; 1174, 8/7/79; 4-84,1/17/84; 6-89, 3/7/89:32-00,8/01/00 (Amended by Ord. No. 01-03, 1/07/03)

Section 2. Repeal. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Pamphlet Form; Publication; When Operative. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and City Ordinance.

Passed and approved this 7th day of January, 2003.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

Roger E. Glawatz, Mayor

Debra Schaefer
City Clerk-Treasurer/
Administrator Assistant

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