

ELECTRICAL CODE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 216

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE: REGULATING THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, MATERIALS AND FACILITIES: ESTABLISHING SAFEGUARDS FROM HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE USE OF SAID ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND REQUIRING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRICAL WORK.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter called the Municipality) as follows:

SECTION 1. - ADOPTION OF ELECTRICAL CODE

- 1.1 National Electrical Code - There is hereby adopted in its entirety by the Municipality, that certain document known as the "National Electrical Code, NFPA 70-78 Edition", copies of which are on file in the office of the Municipality, save and except such provisions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended.
- 1.2 Application - The provisions set forth in this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Ordinance in accordance with the Borough Municipal Code of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1 Administration and Enforcement - Except where stated otherwise in this ordinance, the administration and enforcement of the National Electrical Code herein referred to shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Building Code Ordinance No. 214 and the BOCA Basic Code referred to therein.
- 2.2 Electrical Permit for Electrical Work - The Code Enforcement Officer shall require that all applicants for permits for electrical work, shall furnish proof that an application for inspection of the proposed electrical wiring or electrical apparatus has been made to an organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Approved Electrical Organization") with the payment of all inspection fees and charges of such organization being borne by the applicant.
- 2.3 Electrical Certificate of Approval - All applicants shall, within 30 days of the completion of the building, structure, or premises, obtain an Electrical Certificate of Approval from the Office of Code Enforcement. Said certificate shall be issued upon receipt by the Code Enforcement Officer of proof that the "Approved Electrical Organization: has made an inspection of the applicant's building, structure, or premises and that the electrical wiring conforms with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code.

Whenever the inspection of the "Approved Electrical Organization" shows that the provisions of the National Electrical Code have not been complied with, said organization shall so inform the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer shall then notify the applicant of the steps which must be taken to achieve compliance with the National Electrical Code before an Electrical Certificate of Approval can be issued. Failure to comply shall be sufficient reason for notification of the Electric Utility Company to disconnect or refuse to connect electrical power to the premises.
- 2.4 Inspection of Existing Electrical Wiring and Apparatus - In order to provide safety against existing hazards or defective electrical wiring and apparatus the Code Enforcement Officer and/or his authorized representative including the "Approved Electrical Organization" referred to above, shall, when requested by proper authority or

when public interest so requires, cause inspections to be made of any premises in the Municipality to insure that the existing electrical wiring and apparatus is not defective or unsafe. The Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the owner of the premises of any unsafe or defective conditions which are found and shall require discontinuance or correction of such conditions in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

- 2.5 Exemptions - This Ordinance shall not apply to the following electrical work:
- a. Minor repair work such as repairing or replacing fuses, switches, receptacles, lamps or lighting fixture parts.
 - b. The connection of portable electrical appliances to previously approved permanent receptacles.

SECTION 3. MODIFICATIONS MADE IN NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

The following section is hereby added to the National Electrical Code:

- 3.1 Appeals - All matters concerning electrical appeals should be heard by the Board of Appeals as referred to in Section 126.0 of the Basic Building Code.
- 3.2 Fee Schedule - All fees for electrical permits shall be paid in accordance with Section 2.2F Subsection 117.3.1 of the building code Ordinance.
- 3.3 Violation Penalties - Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this code shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars and/or imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both at the direction of the court. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Saving Clause - Nothing in this Ordinance or in the National Electrical Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or Ordinance repealed hereby. No right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.
- 4.2 Validity - The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance or of the National Electrical Code hereby adopted shall not invalidate other sections or provision thereof.
- 4.3 Conflict of Ordinances - Any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same is hereby repealed, insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.
- 4.4 Short Title - This Ordinance, together with the National Electrical Code adopted herein shall be known and may be cited as the "Electrical Code of the Municipality".

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into a law this 16 day of JULY,
1981.

MUNICIPALITY

William P. [Signature]
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ATTEST:

Melanie [Signature]
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Approved this 16 day of JULY, 1981.

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BY: Mayor