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ORDINANCE NO. 17468


BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. City of Topeka Code § 26-341, National Electrical Code--Adopted, is hereby amended to read as follows:

National Electrical Code--Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by reference the National Electrical Code, 1996 Edition, as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts. Such code shall include any codified supplements thereto. The code is hereby adopted as the electrical code of the city and incorporated in this article as if fully set out in this article.

Section 2. City of Topeka Code § 26-342, Same--On file in clerk's office, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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At least three copies one(1) copy of the National Electrical Code as adopted in section 26-341 shall be on file with the city clerk to be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable business hours. The police department, municipal court and all administrative departments of the city charged with the duty of enforcement of this code shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of copies of the code as may be deemed expedient by the code enforcement director.

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Section 3. City of Topeka Code § 26-343, Interpretation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Interpretation.**

The 1996-1999 Edition of the NFPA handbook of the National Electrical Code shall be used as the guide for interpreting the National Electrical Code by the electrical board and by the building code enforcement division. All decisions of the board which vary, limit or expand the interpretation of such code contained in the handbook shall be in writing and shall be limited to the case before the board unless the board specifically indicates otherwise.

Section 4. City of Topeka Code § 26-382, Fees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Fees.**

(a) No permits for electrical work required by section 26-381 shall be issued until the applicant therefor shall have paid to the building code enforcement division a permit fee computed as follows:

1. For motors, generators, transformers and power equipment, per hp, kw or kva . . . . $ 0.50
2. Minimum fee under subsection (1), per hp, kw or kva . . . . 0.25
3. For each service, per ampere capacity . . . . 0.05
4. Minimum fee under subsection (3), per ampere capacity . . . . 2.00
5. Branch circuits, first ten circuits, each . . . . 1.50
(6) Over ten branch circuits, each ... 0.75
(7) Residential-range circuit with plug ... 2.00
(8) For each electric sign ... 2.00
(9) Switchboards, lighting or power panels, per panel ... 2.00
(10) Decorative or outline lighting, per circuit ... 2.00
(11) Not otherwise specified, per hour prevailing electrician's rate ... 30.00
(12) Minimum, each permit ... 2.50
(13) Temporary pole ... 2.50
(14) Swimming pool:
   a. Initial inspection ... 1.50
   b. Intermediate inspections ... 1.50
   c. Final inspection ... 1.50
(15) Any reinspection, per hour ... 10.00
(16) Minimum fee per reinspection ... 10.00
(17) Permit fee ... 7.50

(b) For any work done by or for the state or the United States government and requiring a permit under this article, a permit shall be obtained but the city council may, upon recommendation of the code enforcement director, waive the payment of the prescribed fees.

(c) The fee prescribed by this section shall also apply to
replacement whereby existing electrical work is replaced with new equivalent electrical work.

Any work in which a building permit was issued—No fee.

Flat fee—On work which did not involve a building permit.

$20.00 **Residential**

$50.00 **Commercial**

Any work commenced without a permit for which a permit is required, ten times the flat fee amount.

Section 5. Original City of Topeka Code § 26-341, § 26-342, § 26-343, and § 26-382, are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council **FEB 15 2000**

Joan Wagoner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

DATE **1/12/2000** BY **EE 2**

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