

Chapter 118

ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Port Carbon 8-10-1976 by Ord. No. 258-1976. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Code enforcement — See Ch. 102.

Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 106.

§ 118-1. Adoption of standards.

- A. National Electrical Code. There is hereby adopted in its entirety by the municipality, copies of which are on file in the office of the municipality, that certain Electrical Code known as the "National Electrical Code, 1975 Edition," as amended through the effective date of this chapter and as published by the National Fire Protection Association, save and except such provisions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended.
- B. When effective. The provisions set forth in this chapter and the National Electrical Code, including proposed amendments thereto, shall take effect 31 days from the date of enactment of this chapter or any amendment thereto and shall apply throughout the entire municipality.

§ 118-2. Administration and enforcement.

- A. Office of Code Enforcement. All of the provisions of the Code Enforcement Ordinance¹ of the municipality are hereby adopted with this chapter. The administration and enforcement of this chapter and of the National Electrical Code herein adopted shall be carried out by the Office of Code Enforcement of the municipality, in accordance with the procedures established by the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the municipality and by the National Electrical Code herein adopted. Said Code Enforcement Ordinance provides for certain powers and duties of a Code Enforcement Officer, for the creation of a Code Hearing Board and for procedures relative to applications, fees, permits, inspections, appeals, penalties and other matters.
- B. Electrical permit for electrical work. The Code Enforcement Officer shall require that all applicants for permits for electrical work 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.
- C. Electrical certificate of approval.

1. Editor's Note: See Ch. 102, Code Enforcement.

- (1) 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 to the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code.
 - (2) 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 will be issued. Failure to secure an electrical certificate of approval shall be sufficient reason for notification of the electric utility company to disconnect or refuse to connect electrical power to the premises.
- D. 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 ensure 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.
- E. Exemptions. This chapter shall not apply to the following electrical work:
- (1) Minor repair work such as repairing or replacing fuses, switches, receptacles, lamps or lighting fixture parts.
 - (2) The connection of portable electrical appliances to previously approved permanent receptacles.

§ 118-3. Modifications.

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

- A. Concealing work. Work in connection with an electrical wiring system shall not be covered or concealed until it has been inspected and permission to do so has been granted by the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 118-4. Saving clause.

Nothing in this chapter 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 accrued 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 chapter.