



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
January 23, 2020

Department Safety & Code Enforcement

Director Approval *David Cowan*

AGENDA ITEM Amending Ordinance 18-103, Qualifications for Electrician licensure

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION City staff recommends amending the qualifications for electrician licensure

BACKGROUND The City of Independence Electrical Board has been reviewing qualifications for licensure for an electrician in the City of Independence. The Electrical Board voted to require electricians to submit 6 hours of Kansas approved (CEU) starting in 2021 in order to obtain a City license. The request was submitted to City Attorney Jeff Chubb who researched the request and provided the attached ordinance that was approved by the Electrical Board at their January 6, 2020, meeting. The Electrical Board will be hosting a CEU event for local electricians to obtain their CEU hours and the City of Independence will be providing a space for the training to occur. Participants in the training will cover the cost of the training and instructor for the class.

BUDGET IMPACT The budget impact would consist of postage informing all currently licensed electricians of the ordinance change and requirements for 2021 licensure.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move that the City approve the amendment to the Licensure of Electricians starting in 2021.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Ordinance
2. January 6, 2020 minutes

ORDINANCE NO. 4317

**An Ordinance Amending City Code Section 18-103
Having to do with Qualifications for Licensure of Electricians**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

Section 1. City Code Section 18-103 is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

Sec. 18-103. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) All applicants for licensure as electricians shall be subject to the following:

(1) The applicant must successfully pass a competency examination administered by an approved entity designated by the State of Kansas with a minimum score of 75% for passage, provided however, applicants who successfully passed the competency examination prior to July 1, 1989, with a passing score of 70% or greater shall not be required to be re-examined for renewal of certification or licensure.

(2) So long as the applicant keeps his license current, there is no requirement that the competency examination be taken on an annual basis, only that it was taken and passed, and that the applicant has continuously maintained a current license within the State of Kansas.

(3) The current State approved entities for administration of the competency examination are the International Code Counsel, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or Prometric (pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1525).

(4) All applicants shall pay the fee for taking the competency examination as established by the entity administering the competency examination.

(5) All applicants shall obtain no less than six (6) hours of continuing education on an annual basis relating to construction, maintenance and code

update training. Not less than three (3) hours annually shall consist of code update education and training.

(6) Applicants for master electrician and residential master electrician shall provide proof of a current bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 signed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Kansas guaranteeing the licensee's faithful performance of the various provisions of this Article.

(b) Applications for renewal of licensure shall be subject to the following:

(1) Proof of successful completion of the competency examination followed by continual licensure within the State of Kansas through date of application.

(2) Proof of compliance with the requirement of bond and continuing education hours as required for initial licensure.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 23rd day of January, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk

Kansas Statutes

Chapter 12. CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Article 15. LICENSURE AND EXAMINATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTORS

Current through 2019 Kansas Acts, Chapter 78

§ 12-1525. Competency of electricians for licensure; designation of standard examinations

Standard examinations for the determination of competency of electrical contractors, master and journeyman electricians and residential electricians, as promulgated or administered, or both, by the international code council (ICC), the international association of plumbing and mechanical officials (IAPMO) or Prometric, a current subsidiary of educational testing services in effect on July 1, 2008, are hereby designated as the standard examinations for determining the qualification of persons seeking licensure as electrical contractors, master and journeyman electricians and residential electricians for the purposes of this act.

Cite as (Casemaker) K.S.A. 12-1525

History. L. 1986, ch. 65, § 1; L. 1989, ch. 59, § 11; L. 1990, ch. 71, § 1; L. 1993, ch. 99, § 1; L. 2008, ch. 34, §2; July 1.



January 6, 2020

Electrical Board Minutes – January 06, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order: Kenny Evans

Present: Rick Kiister, Kenny Evans, Dennis Royer, and Rick Howard

Absent: Travis Blankinship

Approval of Minutes: Review of the November 11, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve Rick /
Second Kenny. Yes – 4 No - 0

Old Business: Reviewed the approved ordinance update by the commission and discussion.
Kenny would like to make some changes to the ordinance as follows:

“(b) The 2011 edition of the National Electric Code as adopted is modified to include the following provisions:

(1) All new or upgraded commercial electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed 10’ from the meter base.

(2) All new or upgraded residential construction electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed 10’ from the meter base.

(3) Commercial buildings being remodeled more than {50 or 60}% require an electrical service and wiring upgrade throughout the building.

(4) The designated code enforcement officer for the City of Independence shall have authority to grant temporary service to a commercial or residential structure for up to 45 days while repairs or upgrades are being made. Any additional grant of temporary service shall require the approval of the Electrical Board.

Kenny asked to table this until the February meeting so Travis can have some input.

New Business:

- CEU requirements – Board reviewed the attached Ordinance and discussed it.



Motion: Kenny Evans – I move to pass the Ordinance and present it to the commission for approval. Second: Rick Howard Yes – 4 No - 0

Maintenance Work Discussion was held about a general maintenance / janitor employee and doing some minor electrical work in the City of Independence. David informed the board that I was working on this and would have it on the agenda soon.

Cement Street New Service – David discussed a house on Cement street that did their own new service on Christmas Eve. They have temporary power at this time. Electrical Board discussed that the Building Inspector should be contacted at the time of the incident vs. Everyg waiting until after Christmas as they are assuming a lot of liability. David will issue a Notice of Violation and work with Everyg to get the meter set inspected and service done correctly.

Discussion of buildings in the downtown Fire District and the issue of the brewery building having romex in the upstairs apartments. Board feels the Building Department must enforce the codes and bring those type of issues before the Electrical Board.

Adjournment: Motion Rick Howard Second – Kenny Evans Motion passed 4/0

David Cowan, Bldg Inspector/Secretary