



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
June 25, 2020

Department Safety & Code Enforcement

Director Approval *David Cowan*

AGENDA ITEM Consider an ordinance amending the National Electric Code as recommended by the Electrical Board.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION City staff recommends amending Amending Ordinance 18-122(b), of the adopted National Electric Code.

BACKGROUND The City of Independence Electrical Board has been working with Evergy and the City Code and updating to meet standards. The Board is requesting the Commission approve the following amendments:

- (1) All new or upgraded commercial electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed ten (10) feet from the meter base.
- (2) All new residential construction electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed ten (10) feet from the meter base.
- (3) All commercial buildings being remodeled by more than fifty percent (50%) as determined by code enforcement officer are required to complete an electrical service and wiring upgrade throughout the entire building.
- (4) The code enforcement officer shall have authority to grant temporary service to a commercial or residential structure for up to forty-five (45) days while repairs or upgrades are being made. Any additional grant of temporary service shall require the approval of the Electrical Board.

The above amendment will improve safety for both the homeowner, commercial properties and public safety employees.

BUDGET IMPACT There would not be any budget impact for this amendment to the code.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to adopt an ordinance amending the National Electric Code as previously adopted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance
2. March 2020 Minutes

ORDINANCE NO. 4332

**An Ordinance Amending the National Electric Code
As Previously Adopted by the City of Independence**

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

Section 1. City Code Section 18-122(b) is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

“(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 ten (10) feet from the meter base.
- (2) All new residential construction electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed ten (10) feet from the meter base.
- (3) All commercial buildings being remodeled by more than fifty percent (50%) as determined by code enforcement officer are required to complete an electrical service and wiring upgrade throughout the entire building.
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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 25th day of June, 2020.

LEONHARD CAFLISCH, Mayor

ATTEST:

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk