

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

ORDINANCE 2020-1580

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Mequon Municipal Code, Related to Certain
Licensing and Technical Standards within the City's Electrical Code

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEQUON, OZAUKEE COUNTY,
STATE OF WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

Chapter 10 of the Mequon Code of Ordinances is amended as follows: (NOTE: added text is underlined and deleted text is ~~struck through~~)

Sec. 10-77. - Adoption of Wisconsin State Electrical Code.

~~The Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter SPS 16, Wis. Admin Code Ch. SPS 316, and all amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this chapter. In addition to the regulations, standards and procedures hereinafter set forth, all electrical work performed or equipment or appliances utilized or installed within the City of Mequon shall comply with the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code Ch. Chapter SPS 316; provided, however, that in the event of conflict or ambiguity concerning any of the foregoing the stricter provisions.~~

Sec. 10-81. - Electrical permits.

(a) Permits required. The electrical inspector shall issue permits for electrical installations for light, heat, or power upon the filing of a proper application which shall be made on blanks furnished by the electrical inspector prescribing the nature of the work and such other information as may be required for inspection, and no work shall be done until a permit has been obtained. All applications shall be signed by a licensed master electrician or a licensed electrical contractor. ~~the licensee and in those cases where the licensee has designated a representative, said representative shall also sign.~~

(b) Fee schedule. Electrical inspection charges shall be made for inspection of all electrical equipment and installation on the basis of a fee schedule adopted by the common council and on file in the office of the building inspector.

(c) Installation without permit; temporary work. In case a permit is not obtained before work is started, ~~except in emergency cases approved by the inspection department~~, the total fee for such permit if granted, shall be double the usual fee charged. Granting of a permit after work is started shall not relieve the licensee from any liability from penalty provided by law. On applying for a permit for temporary work, a specified period of time for which such wiring is to remain in service must be stated. Service shall be cut off at the end of this period and shall not again be connected without written permission from the electrical inspector.

~~Sec. 10-83.— Class C electrical contractors license.~~

~~The electrical inspector shall determine if an applicant is qualified for an electrical license.~~

~~(1) Master electrician certification from the state shall serve as qualification unless provided otherwise in this code for a license or in the case of a firm or corporation that an employee has such certification. In the case of an employee who holds the master electrician certification terminates employment with the firm or corporation, said license shall automatically be revoked.~~

~~(2) The electrical inspector may investigate any charges or complaints filed which may be brought against the holder of a license and revoke such license for repeated violations or noncompliance with any of the provisions of this code on the part of the licensee or any person performing any work under this direction.~~

~~Sec. 10-84.— Electrical license.~~

~~Licenses or Registrations as required per Wisconsin Stat §101.862 shall be required in order to alter, install, repair or maintain any electrical wiring in the City of Mequon. No person, firm or corporation shall alter, install or repair electrical wires and apparatus for any purpose whatsoever in the city without first having procured a license as provided in this chapter.~~

~~(1) Application or renewal application. An application or a renewal application for a license shall be made on forms furnished by the electrical inspector. An applicant shall pay a fee required under subsection (2) below prior to renewing his license. The license for the person, firm or corporation installing or altering any electrical wiring or equipment shall expire on June 30 of each year. All such licenses shall be issued for one year commencing on July 1 and expiring on June 30 following unless sooner revoked. The fees for such licenses shall be paid to the city treasurer and credited to the general fund and no license shall be held valid unless signed by the electrical inspector and stamped as paid by the city treasurer in the amount required by such license.~~

~~(2) Fees. The fee for an electrical contractor's license shall be as set by the common council from time to time for the initial license and each subsequent renewal of the license. No license fee shall be prorated.~~

~~(3) Appeals. In the event the applicant is denied a license or the renewal of a license, he may appeal such decision to the board of appeals within 30 days of the denial. The board shall fix a date for hearing on said appeal and shall notify both the applicant and the building inspector of the time of said hearing which shall be not more than 40 days after the appeal has been taken. At the hearing, both the applicant and the building inspector may present such evidence as they deem necessary and the board shall render its decision promptly.~~

~~Sec. 10-85.— Class M electrical maintenance license.~~

~~Any firm or corporation may be granted a maintenance license upon the condition that such firm or corporation regularly employs a licensed journeyman electrician, approved by the electrical inspector, who has charge of the electrical work in the plant. Such license shall permit the holder to install or repair electrical wires and apparatus within the plant of the firm or corporation. At the time of making application for a license, the firm or corporation making the application shall file, in writing, a certificate with affidavit naming the person who shall be in charge of such maintenance work and shall furnish the named electrician's State of Wisconsin journeyman electrician license.~~

~~Sec. 10-86. License non-transferable.~~

~~Licenses issued pursuant to the terms of this chapter shall not be transferable.~~

~~Sec. 10-87. Revocation and suspension of licenses.~~

~~(a) Authority of the electrical inspector. The electrical inspector may suspend or revoke any electrical contractor's license issued hereunder upon proof that such license was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation or through gross error or upon proof that the holder thereof is incompetent or has been guilty of any dishonest practices in connection with his work as such licensee, provided, before any license is suspended or revoked, the holder thereof shall be given a written notice enumerating the charges and proof. The licensee may appeal such decision to the board of appeals within 30 days of the denial. The board shall fix a date for hearing on said appeal and shall notify both the applicant and the building inspector of the time of said hearing which shall be not more than 40 days after the appeal has been taken. At the hearing, both the applicant and the building inspector may present such evidence as they deem necessary and the board shall render its decision promptly.~~

~~(b) Effect of suspension. A license may be suspended for not more than one year. Whenever a license has been so suspended, the former holder thereof shall have the same status as a person not previously licensed.~~

SECTION II

The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any term or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III

All ordinances and parts of ordinances that contravene this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and on the day after its publication.

Approved by: John Wirth, Mayor

Date Approved: October 13, 2020

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on October 13, 2020.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk

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