



City of West Allis

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

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Sponsor(s): Safety & Development Committee

An ordinance to repeal subsections 2.36, 2.37, 14.50-14.58 and 14.85(30); and amend subsections 14.02, 14.06(3), 14.06(8), 14.23 and 14.26(1)(b) of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 2, City Government, and Chapter 14, Electrical Code, relative to eliminating electrical contractor licensing requirements, the Electrical Review Board and the Board of Electrical Appeals.

The Common Council of the City of West Allis do ordain as follows:

PART I. Subsections 2.36 and 2.37 of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

PART II. Subsections 14.50-14.58 and 14.85(30) of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

PART III. Subsection 14.02 of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.02 Purpose. The purpose of this Code is to safeguard life and property by regulating the proper installation, maintenance and use of electricity and utilization devices by providing for the review of persons, firms and corporations undertaking electrical work, by issuing permits for electrical work, by the inspection of the existing and newly installed wiring, equipment and devices and fixing a penalty for violation thereof.

PART IV. Subsections 14.06(3) and 14.06(8) of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

14.06 Definitions. For the purpose of this Code, the following terms and words shall be interpreted as having the following meaning:

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(3) Duly Qualified. Duly qualified shall mean proof of a valid State of Wisconsin Master Electrician Certificate, or other equivalent license or certification issued by the State of Wisconsin to do electrical work.

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(8) Licensed Electrical Contractor. A Licensed Electrical Contractor means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing or maintaining electrical wiring, who possesses a valid electrical license permitting such business to do electrical work in the City of West Allis.

PART V. Subsection 14.23 of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.23 Interpretation by the Electrical Inspector. The Electrical Inspector shall have full authority to exercise judgment in a reasonable and proper manner and rule accordingly on all special cases in regard to any matters in this Code or not specifically covered thereby.

PART VI. Subsection 14.26(1)(b) of the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.26 Unsafe Electrical Installations.

(1) Deemed Illegal. All electrical installations which are unsafe and constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to life or property by reason of inadequate maintenance, overload, obsolescence, defect or failure to conform to code are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by removal, repair or replacement in accordance with the following procedure.

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(b) Upon failure to comply with written notice, the Electrical Inspector shall have the authority to order the disconnection of electric service, or portion thereof, and said service shall not be reenergized until written permission is obtained from the Electrical Inspector or his Supervisor.

PART VII. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART VIII. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED 9/15/2015

APPROVED 9/23/15

Monica Schultz
Monica Schultz, City Clerk

Dan Devine
Dan Devine, Mayor