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ORDINANCE NO. 12590

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 14, SECTIONS 14-51, 14-53, 14-54, 14-56, 14-75(b), 14-78, 14-79, 14-82(a) AND (b), 14-83(c), 14-84 AND 14-91, RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-51, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-51. Secretary.

The board shall select from its membership one (1) member to serve as secretary for at least one (1) year and until a successor is elected by the board unless that position is provided by staff of the building inspection office.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-53, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-53. Regular meetings.

The board of electrical examiners shall hold meetings semi-annually for the purpose of conducting examinations of applicants to determine their knowledge of the rules and regulations for the installation of electrical wiring, devices, appliances and equipment as set forth in the statutes of the state, this Code and other ordinances of the city and the National Electrical Code; to issue licenses and certificates therefore; to determine the general qualifications and fitness of each applicant for executing the class of work covered by the license applied for and for the transaction of other business. Special meetings of the board of electrical examiners may be called by the chairman with the approval of a majority of the board.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-54, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-54. Appeals from.

Any person aggrieved by any action or decision of the board of electrical examiners shall have the right of appeal to the board of adjustments and appeals by requesting an appeal in writing and by lodging such request with the Chief Building Official of the city within ten (10) days after such action or decision.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-56, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-56. Records to be open to inspection.

Records of the meetings of the board of electrical examiners, including the names of all licensees, shall be on file by the Board in compliance with the Records Retention Manual adopted by the City Council pursuant to T.C.A. 10-7-702. and shall be open for inspection by the public at all reasonable times.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-75(b), be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) *Qualifications of residential electricians and journeyman electricians.* Any person shall be eligible for examination as a residential electrician, journeyman electrician or sign electrician who:

- (1) Has three (3) or more years' practicable experience as a registered apprentice electrician in the metropolitan area of the city. (One (1) year shall be equivalent to minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours actual experience in electrical installations); or
- (2) Has previously held an unrevoked journeyman electrician license in the city or any other governmental agency licensing electricians; or
- (3) Has satisfactorily completed a recognized apprentice training program; or

- (4) Has had such experience in electrical wiring as shall be acceptable to the board.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-78, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-78. Examination fee established.

- (a) For examinations given on or before December 31, 2011, the examination fee in the following amounts shall accompany the application for the examination:

Journeyman electrician	\$ 60.00
Class I electrical contractor.....	85.00
Class II residential electrical contractor.....	85.00
Class III electrical sign contractor	85.00
Residential electrician.....	60.00
Plant electrician.....	60.00
Plant master electrician.....	85.00
Sign Journeyman electrician	60.00

- (b) For all examinations given on or after January 1, 2012, the examination fee shall be \$100.00 for all examinations given by the Board of Electrical Examiners.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-79, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-79. License fee established.

Beginning on the date of passage of this Ordinance, all licenses issued by the Board shall be effective and renewed on a two year scheduled basis with the license expiring on the 30th day of June in even numbered years following its date of issuance. Each certificate of competency shall be renewable without further examination upon application of the holder within sixty (60) days after notice of the expiration date, and the payment of the two year fee set out above. Any applicant for a renewal who fails to make application and pay the required fee within sixty (60) days of notice may be required to take another examination by the board of examiners unless such applicant shows good and sufficient cause for the failure to make such application; provided that, if any licensee enters active service in the armed forces of the United States, the applicant shall be granted a renewal license upon an

application after discharge from such service if such application is presented to the board within six (6) months following the date of discharge. as follows:

Journeyman electrician	\$ 10.00/year
Journeyman sign electrician	10.00/year
Class 1 electrical contractor	200.00/year
Class 2 residential electrical contractor	100.00/year
Class 3 electrical sign contractor	50.00/year
Residential electrician	10.00/year
Plant master electrician.....	100.00/year
Temporary journeyman electrician.....	10.00/year
Special license.....	100.00/year
Plant electrical license:	
(a) 1-5 electrical maintenance employees	\$ 200.00/year
(b) 6-14 electrical maintenance employees	400.00/year
(c) 15 or more electrical maintenance employees.....	600.00/year

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-82(a) and (b), be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-82. Classes of license; limitations.

(a) Eight (8) classes of licenses shall be issued by the board of electrical examiners.

(b) A journeyman electrician license shall entitle the holder thereof to perform the installation, alteration and repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment under the supervision of a holder of a class I, class II, or a class III license. The holder of a journeyman electrician's license may supervise other licensed journeymen or registered apprentice electricians but may not be issued permits for electrical work. A journeyman's license shall entitle the holder thereof to be named as a designee on a plant electrical license and to perform and supervise full-time employees of the firm holding the plant electrical license in performing electrical work with an existing building owned or used by that firm subject to the conditions in paragraph (h) of this section. The work done is to be limited to the maintenance, repair, replacement, relocation and altering existing electrical circuits and to the installation of new circuits of sixty (60) amps or less capacity in or on existing buildings.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-83(c), be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-83. Appropriate license and certificate prerequisite to doing work; exceptions.

(c) It is understood that any work listed in the Chattanooga City Code to be done by residential electrician can be performed by journeyman electricians and any responsibilities of a plant master electrician or a class II or class III electrical contractor can be performed by a class I electrical contractor.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-84, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-84. Expiration, renewal of license.

Class I, class II, class III, plant electrical and plant master electrician's licenses shall expire on the 31st of December and shall be renewed every two (2) years in the odd numbered years. Each journeyman, and residential electrician license shall expire on the thirtieth (30th) day of June in odd numbered years. Those whose licenses expire on June 30, 2012 will be renewed for one (1) year. Beginning with the renewal due on June 30, 2013. Journeyman, residential electricians and plant electricians shall be renewed every two (2) years in the odd numbered years. All licenses shall be renewable upon application of the holder within sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the license, upon payment of the annual fee set out in this article in compliance with the statements required by the board and in this article. Any licensee who fails to make application and pay the required fee within such period of sixty (60) days, may be required to take another examination by the board of examiners unless such applicant shows good and sufficient cause for his failure to make such timely application for the renewal; provided that, if any licensee enters active service in the armed forces of the United States, he shall be granted a renewal license upon his application after discharge from such service, if such application is presented to the board within six (6) months following the date of his discharge.

SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-91, be and is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 14-91. Worker's compensation insurance required.

All license holders will comply with all workers compensation provisions for any employees which are required by the State of Tennessee at the time any work is performed and submit any evidence of workers compensation insurance that is required by the State of Tennessee before any license is issued.

SECTION 12. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two

(2) weeks from and after its passage.

PASSED on Second and Final Reading

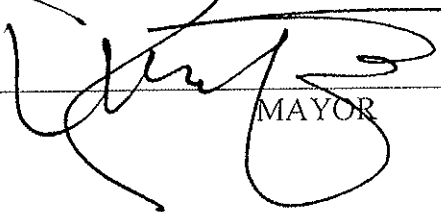
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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

DATE: May 3, 2012



MAYOR

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