

Proposed Amendments

Chapter 105

Buildings; Construction and Related Activities

ARTICLE II BUILDING CODE

Sec. 105-23. Adopted.

In accordance with the authority granted by Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-45-8(c) and Code of Ala. 1975, § 41-9-166, the *International Building Code, 2009 edition*, *International Residential Code, 2009 edition*, the *International Existing Building Code, 2009 edition*, and the *International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 edition* published by the International Code Council, Inc. except such sections and portions thereof as are herein modified, is hereby adopted by reference as the Building Code of the City of Prattville. The same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and shall govern the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any facilities connected or attached to such buildings or structures. The Mayor shall annually review the Building Code and report any recommended adjustments to the City Council.

Sec. 105-24. Amendments.

(a). The *International Building Code, 2009 edition* as adopted in this article is amended as follows:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the City of Prattville, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

Section 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exceptions:

1. Detached one-and two-family dwellings, bed and breakfast operations, multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code, 2009 edition*.
2. Existing buildings undergoing repair, alterations or additions and change of occupancy shall be permitted to comply with the *International Existing Building Code, 2009 edition*.

101.2.1 Appendices. Provisions in the appendices shall not apply unless specifically adopted

Delete Section 103 Department of Building Safety.

Delete Section 105.1.1 Annual permit.

Delete Section 105.1.2 Annual permit records.

Delete Section 105.2, Building

Item 2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829mm) high.

Item 5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of the height to the diameter does not exceed 2:1

Item 12. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3 and U occupancies.

Section 105.5 Expiration. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 after the time work has commenced. The building official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods of not more than 180 days each.

Exception: Demolition permits issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 30 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 30 after the time work has commenced. The building official may grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods of not more than 30 days each.

Delete Section 109.3 Building permit valuations.

Section 113.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created the Prattville Building Code Board of Appeals. The board shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the City Council of the City of Prattville and shall hold office at the pleasure of the council. Board members shall be appointed for four years terms or until their replacements are duly appointed. Board members may be reappointed at the conclusion of their term. The building official shall provide staff support and supplies for the Board.

Add the following to Section 202, Definitions: BED AND BREAKFAST OPERATION-- a private home, inn or other unique residential facility located in a structure of historical significance offering bed and breakfast accommodations and one (1) daily meal and having less than four (4) guest rooms furnished for pay, with guest staying not more than fourteen (14) days, and where the innkeeper resides on the premises or property, or immediately adjacent to it. Guest rooms shall be established and maintained distinct and separate from the innkeeper's quarters.

Add the following sentences to end of Section 508.4 Separated Occupancies. All commercial tenant spaces shall be separated by a minimum of 1 hour rated wall where the occupants are under one roof and have a physical tenant separation with an individual address and utilities.

Add Appendices C, E, H and I.

Delete Appendices A, B, D, F, G, J, & K.

(b). The *International Residential Code, 2009* edition is amended as follows:

Section R101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Residential Code for One and Two-family Dwellings of the City of Prattville, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

Section R101.2 Scope. The provisions of the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings* shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location,

removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings, bed and breakfast operations, townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures.

Exception: Live work units complying with the requirements of Section 419 of the *International Building Code* shall be permitted to be built as one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses. Fire suppression required by Section 419.5 of the *International Building Code* when constructed under the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* shall conform to Section 903.3.1.3 of the *International Building Code*.

Delete Section R103

Delete Section 105.2, Building

Item 2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829mm) high.

Item 4. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of the height to the diameter does not exceed 2:1

Item 9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Delete Section R108

Section R112. Board of Appeals

Appeals of orders, decisions and determinations made by the code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code shall be made to the Building Code Board of Appeals established by Section 113 of the Building Code of the City of Prattville.

Add the following to Section R202, Definitions: BED AND BREAKFAST OPERATION-- a private home, inn or other unique residential facility located in a structure of historical significance offering bed and breakfast accommodations and one (1) daily meal and having less than four (4) guest rooms furnished for pay, with guest staying not more than fourteen (14) days, and where the innkeeper resides on the premises or property, or immediately adjacent to it. Guest rooms shall be established and maintained distinct and separate from the innkeeper's quarters.

R302.2 Townhouses. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by a common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263.

Exception: A common 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 and an approved sprinkler system in accordance with Chapter 9 of the International Fire Code, 2009 edition is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

Delete Section R309.3.

Delete Section R313.

Section R314.5. Bed and Breakfast Operations. The fire alarm system for bed and breakfast operations located in existing and historical buildings shall comply with the International Fire Code, 2009 edition and be monitored by an approved Fire Alarm Monitoring Service.

Delete Section R502.2.2.3. Deck lateral load connection.

Section M1502.4.4.1 Specified length. The maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be 35 feet (10,668 mm) from the connection to the transition duct from the dryer to the outlet terminal. Where fittings are used, the maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be reduced in accordance with Table M1502.4.4.1.

Add Appendix E, omitting Sections AE 302.2, AE 302.3 and AE 303.2.

Add Appendices G, H, J, and M

Delete Appendices A – D, F, I, K, L, and N – Q.

(c). The *International Existing Building Code, 2009 edition* is hereby amended as follows:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Existing Building Code of the City of Prattville, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

Delete Sections 103, 105, and 108

Section 112. Board of Appeals

Appeals of orders, decisions and determinations made by the code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code shall be made to the Building Code Board of Appeals established by Section 113 of the Building Code of the City of Prattville.

Add Appendix B.

(d). The *International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 edition* is hereby amended as follows:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Prattville, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

Delete Sections 103, 106, 107, 110, and 111

Add Appendix A

Sec. 5-25. Removal or repair of unsafe structures.

The provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-53B-1 et seq. are adopted and shall govern the repair and removal of dilapidated and dangerous structures.

Sec. 5-26. Schedule of Permit Fees

Permits - Generally. On all buildings, structures, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required at the time of filing the application for permit in accordance with following schedule:

(a.) Building permits.

<i>Total Valuation</i>	<i>Fee*</i>
\$100.00 and less	No fee unless inspection required, in which case a \$25.00 fee for each inspection will be charged.

\$101.00 to \$2,000.00	A \$5.00 permit fee plus \$25.00 for each inspection required.
\$2,001.00 to \$15,000.00	\$10.00 permit fee for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$1.50 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$15,000.00 plus \$25.00 inspection fee
\$15,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$49.00 for the first \$15,000.00 plus \$1.25 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$93.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$143.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$0.75 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 and up	\$443.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$0.50 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

* One-quarter of one percent (.25%) shall be added to the final permit fee.

(b). Valuation. All fees for building permits shall be calculated on the basis of the true value of the building, structure, addition or alteration.

- (1) Single-family residential structures. For new one- and two-family residential structures, valuations shall be based on the square footage of the structure and calculated using the most recent building valuation data table published by the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC) in effect on January 1 of each year. The value per square footage shall be based on type of construction as classified by the ICC table
- (2) Valuation for all structures other than single-family residential shall be based on the actual value or contract price rounded up to next thousand dollars. Permit valuations shall include total value of the contract, including material and labor.
- (3) The building official may request all appraisal or contract information necessary to determine the true value of the building, structure, addition or alteration. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Final permit valuation shall be set by the building official.
- (4) Projects with multiple general contractors shall designate one contractor or construction manager for obtaining and paying for a building permit.

(c). Electrical, plumbing and mechanical permit fees.

(1). Electrical fees:

PERMIT TYPE	FEE
FOR ISSUING ALL PERMITS	\$10.00
NEW & EXISTING COMMERCIAL METER LOOPS	
UP TO 100 amps	\$6.00
200 amps	\$8.00
400 amps	\$10.00
600 amps	\$15.00
800 amps	\$20.00
1200 amps	\$25.00
1600 amps	\$30.00
2000 amps	\$45.00
NEW & EXISTING RESIDENTIAL METER LOOPS	
UP TO 100 amps	\$10.00
200 amps	\$15.00
400 amps	\$20.00

Over 400 amps	\$25.00
Each Additional Meter Loop	\$5.00
APPLICANCES	
RANGES INCLUDING COOK TOP & OVEN	\$2.50
CLOTHES DRYERS	\$2.50
WATER HEATERS	\$2.50
GARBAGE DISPOSALS	\$2.50
SIMILAR APPLIANCES NOT LISTED	\$2.50
MOTORS	
MOTORS UP TO 6 HP	\$2.50
MOTORS OVER 6 HP, EACH HP	\$0.35
ELECTRIC HEAT UP TO 15KW	\$2.50
OVER 15KW, EACH KW	\$0.25
ELECTRIC CONTROLLED FLOOR FURNACE, UNIT HEATERS, VENTILATING & TYPES OF CONNECTED FANS INCLUDING CONTROL AND OUTLETS	\$2.00
OTHER	
SWIMMING POOLS	\$15.00
TEMPORARY POLES	\$5.00
MOBILE HOME HOOKUP	\$5.00
RECONNECTION OF SERVICE	\$5.00
SIGNS AND OUTDOOR WIRING SINGLE CIRCUIT	\$5.00
EACH ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT	\$2.50
TRANSFORMERS	
ALL TYPES, 1 ST 15 KVA	\$2.50
EACH ADDITIONAL KVA	\$0.20
SHOP INSPECTIONS	
NEON-PER TRANSFORMER	\$0.60
PLASTIC-PER LAMP	\$0.30
INCADESCENT-FIRST CIRCUIT	\$2.00
EACH ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT	\$1.50
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL, CONCEALED WORK TO OUTLETS	
1 TO 10 OUTLETS	\$2.50
11 AND ABOVE, PER OUTLET	\$0.30
RANGES (COOK TOPS & OVENS)	\$2.50
WATER HEATERS	\$2.50
CLOTHES DRYERS	\$2.50
<i>INSPECTION FEES ON CONCEALED WORK DO NOT INCLUDE FIXTURES FOR WHICH THERE IS A SEPARATE FEE</i>	

(2). Plumbing Fees:

FOR ISSUING EACH PERMIT	\$10.00
IN ADDITION	
For each plumbing fixture, floor drain or trap or set of fixtures on one trap (including fixture water supply and drainage piping)	\$2.00
FOR EACH HOUSE SEWER	\$2.00
FOR EACH HOUSE HAVING TO BE REPLACED OR REPAIRED	\$3.00
FOR EACH ELECTRIC WATER HEATER	\$2.00
DISHWASHER	\$2.00
GARBAGE GRINDER	\$2.00
WASHING MACHINE	\$2.00
RAIN LEADER AND ROOF DRAIN PIPING	\$2.00
EJECTORS, PUMPS OR SUMPS	\$2.00
FOR REPAIRS OR ALTERATION OF DRAINING OR VENT PIPING	\$2.00
FOR VACCUM BREAKERS OR BACKFLOW PROTECTION DEVICES	\$2.00
EACH FIXTURE NOT ABOVE PROVIDED	\$2.00
IN EXCESS OF FOUR INSPECTIONS	\$5.00

(3). Fuel gas fees:

FOR ISSUING PERMIT	\$10.00
PIPING INSPECTION AT ONE LOCATION ROUGH AND FINAL	\$5.00
FOR 5 FIXTURES OR LESS	\$5.00
PER FIXTURE OVER 5	\$2.00
CONVERSION BURNERS, FLOOR FURNACES, INCINERATORS, BOILERS, OR CENTRAL HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING UNITS	\$5.00
VENTED WALL FURNACES	\$2.50
WATER HEATERS	\$2.50
FOR ADDITIONAL UNIT	\$2.00

(4). Mechanical fees

ISSUANCE FEE	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
PERMIT FEE	\$10.00	\$12.00
A/C WITH OR WITHOUT HEATING	\$9.00	\$10.00
UP AND INCLUDING 3 TONS		
OVER 3 TONS AND INCLUDING 5 TONS	\$12.00	\$15.00
OVER 5 TONS AND INCLUDING 10 TONS	\$15.00	\$18.00
OVER 10 TONS EACH TON OVER	\$2.00 EACH	\$2.50__
<i>REFRIGERATION</i>		
UP TO AND INCLUDING 3 H.P.	\$9.00	\$10.00
OVER 3 H.P. AND INCLUDING 10 H.P.	\$12.00	\$15.00
OVER 10 H.P. AND INCLUDING 20 H.P.	\$15.00	\$18.00
OVER 20 H.P. EACH H.P. OVER	\$2.00	\$2.50
CHILLERS EACH TON	\$2.00	\$0.50
EACH COOLING COIL	\$3.00	\$1.00
BOILERS	\$15.00	\$20.00
EACH HEATING COIL	\$3.00	\$1.00__
<i>THUR WALL UNIT</i>		
HEATING OR COOLING EACH UNIT	\$5.00	\$7.00
COOLING TOWER (WATER)	\$8.00	\$10.00
	\$5.00	\$6.00
<i>HEATING ONLY</i>		
GAS OR ELECTRIC EACH UNIT	\$2.00	\$5.00
RE-INSPECTION FEE	\$2.00	\$10.00
VENTILATION HOOD EACH HOOD	\$2.00	\$10.00
INCINERATORS	\$2.00	\$3.00
VENT FANS EACH FAN	\$2.00	\$5.00
DRYERS		

(d). Miscellaneous permits and fees.

- (1) Work prior to permit. Where work for which a permit is required by this chapter commences prior to obtaining said permit, the permit fee herein specified shall be doubled.
- (2) Moving fee. For the relocation of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$100 per section.
- (3) Demolition fee. For the demolition of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$25 per story. In addition, the application for a demolition shall be accompanied by a \$1,000 surety, which shall be refunded by the building official when all demolition debris has been properly removed from the site. Said bond or cash deposit shall indemnify the city against damage to the public streets and sidewalks, and against unwarranted litter and debris allowed to remain on the premises, which constitutes a public nuisance. Interior demolition shall be based on the contract value provided by the permittee.
- (4) Mobile or Manufactured Home. For the placement of any manufactured home covered by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety

Standards Act of 1974 (commonly known as the HUD Code), a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) shall be paid prior to placement of the structure. The permit fee shall cover the inspection of correct installation, flood hazard determination, electrical connection and plumbing connection.

- (5) Fence or wall fee. Permits for the construction of all fences or walls, the fee shall be \$10.
 - (6) Plan review fee. A plan review fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid for the review of all multi-family, commercial and industrial projects. Said fee shall be paid at the time said plans are submitted to the Prattville Planning and Development Department.
 - (7) Re-inspection fee. A fee of \$25 shall be paid for each re-inspection of a failed initial inspection.
- (e). Fee refunds. The building official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:
- (1) The full amount of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
 - (2) Not more than eighty percent (80%) of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under the permit issued in accordance with this chapter.
 - (3) Not more than eighty percent (80%) of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or cancelled before the plan review has been completed.

The building official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed with the Prattville Planning and Development Department by the original permittee.

Sec. 105-27. Penalty for Violation.

Any person who violates a provision of this chapter or fails to comply with any requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters, or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 105-28. Business license prerequisite to building permit.

No person shall be issued a building permit unless he holds a valid business license issued by the city. Nothing in this section requires a homeowner to obtain a business license in order to do work on his own property.

Sec. 105-29. Building permit required for subcontractors.

- (a) All builders and contractors shall upon request furnish the building official or the license inspector a full and complete list showing the names, addresses and license numbers of all subcontractors to whom any work has been let or sublet to be done and will not allow any work to be done by such subcontractor until the permit required by the code adopted by this article has been obtained by the subcontractor. If any changes to the subcontractors list are made after the issuance of a permit, the builder or contractor must notify the building official, in writing, of such changes.
- (b) If all subcontracts have not been closed or awarded at the time application is made for such permit by the builder or contractor or by the owner, they shall not allow any work to proceed by any subcontractor until such subcontractor has exhibited to such subcontractor's permit for the work to be done on the job, and unless such subcontractor is certified by the license division or by the building official as having paid for the permit.

(c) In the event that no contract has been let by the owner, then the owner shall be subject to all of the provisions herein required of a builder or contractor.

Secs. 105-30 –105-46. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. ELECTRICAL CODE

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 105-47. Definition.

The term "electrical inspector," as used in this article, shall mean the primary inspector designated by the building official to make electrical inspections.

Sec. 105-48. Records and reports of electrical inspection.

Inspectors shall keep a full and complete daily record of all work done, permits issued, examinations made, and other official work performed as required by this article, and shall make a report thereof to the city council at the first meeting of each year.

Sec. 105-49—105-64. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR ELECTRICIANS

Sec. 105-65. Electrical examining board.

(a) There shall be an electrical examining board consisting of the primary electrical inspector and four (4) other persons having a practical knowledge of electricity and electrical wiring. The members of the board, other than the electrical inspector, shall be appointed by the city council. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the council for a period of three (3) years or until their replacement has been duly qualified and appointed. The electrical inspector shall be chairman of the board. No member of the board shall receive any compensation for services as such. The board shall adopt rules governing its operation.

(b) A majority vote shall be necessary to determine any decision to be rendered by the board.

(c) No regular meeting of the electrical examining board shall be held. The electrical inspector shall call meetings of the board at such times as may be deemed necessary, such meetings to be held in the city hall.

Sec. 105-66. Certificate required; exceptions.

(a) Every person desiring to engage in the business of electrical contracting or installation of wiring and apparatus for electric lights, heat or power in the city, whether by contract or otherwise, shall, before doing so, obtain from the electrical examining board a certificate of competency, and it shall be unlawful for any person to do any electrical installation or construction work in the city unless such person is a certified master electrician or does such work in the capacity of an employee and under the direct supervision of a certified master electrician; provided, however, that any regular salaried employee of any person may do such work for and upon the ways, works, machinery, plant or property of such employee's regular employer, when such employee demonstrates to the electrical inspector that such employee is qualified and receives from the electrical inspector a special permit to do such work; and provided, further, that any regular salaried fellow servant of such qualified salaried employee holding such special permit may do any work upon the ways, works, machinery, plant or property of such employee's regular employer, when acting under the immediate supervision of such qualified special permit holder; and, provided further, that any individual may do such work upon such individual's own premises, when such individual demonstrates to the electrical inspector that such individual is qualified and receives from the electrical inspector a special permit to do such work.

(b) A person shall be deemed "qualified" within the meaning of this section when such person possesses an accurate knowledge of the fundamentals of electricity, a practical working knowledge of the theory and correct practice of electrical installation and construction in relation to the work which such person proposes to do, a throughout knowledge of the laws of the city relating to the work which such person proposes to do, and sufficient experience and ability in electrical construction and installation to safely and competently apply such person's knowledge in practice.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a public utility corporation operating under a franchise from the city to transmit and sell electrical energy.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons holding a license issued by the state pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, title 34, ch. 36 (Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-36-1 et seq.).

Sec. 105-67. Prerequisite to issuance of license.

The revenue inspector shall refuse to issue a license to any person to engage in the business or trade of electrical construction and installation, unless such person holds a valid unrevoked and unsuspended certificate of competency, or has in such person's regular employ a person who holds such certificate. The revenue inspector shall also refuse to issue a license to a partnership to engage in such trade or business, unless the partnership has in its regular employ, or as a member, a person who holds such a certificate. The revenue inspector shall also refuse a license to any corporation that has not in its regular employ a person who holds such a certificate. Every such license shall stand suspended during any period in which the conditions requisite to issuance of a license do not continue. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the issuance of a license to a person holding a license issued by the state pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, title 34, ch. 36 (Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-36-1 et seq.).

Sec. 105-68. Applicant examination.

It shall be the duty of the electrical examining board to examine and pass upon the qualifications of every person who applies in writing for a certificate of competency required by this division and who has paid to the building official a fee equal to the cost to the city for administering the master electrician's examination. A separate fee is required for each separate examination. Applicants shall be examined upon the fundamentals of electricity, the laws of the city pertaining to electrical installation and construction, the theory and practice of electrical installation and construction and the experience and ability of the applicant in practical electrical installation and construction. Examinations shall be oral or in writing, in whole or in part.

Sec. 105-69. Issuance and signing of certificate.

If any applicant for a certificate under this division is found to possess an accurate knowledge of the fundamentals of electricity, a practical working knowledge of the theory and correct practice of electrical installation and construction, a thorough knowledge of the laws of the city relating to electrical construction and installation and sufficient experience and ability in electrical construction and installation to safely and competently apply such knowledge in practice, there shall be issued to such applicant a certificate of competency. The certificate shall be signed in the name of the electrical examining board by the primary electrical inspector.

Sec. 105-70. Revocation or suspension of certificate.

The electrical examining board shall have the power to revoke or suspend any certificate of competency issued under this division for willful, ignorant or habitual neglect upon the part of the holder thereof to observe and cause to be observed the laws of the city pertaining to electrical installation, construction or repair work by or under authority of such person's certificate. Before revoking or suspending any certificate, the board shall give the certificate holder a reasonable opportunity to be heard in such holder's defense.

Sec. 105-71. Records to be kept.

The electrical examining board shall keep, in the office of the building official, a book in which shall be recorded the names and addresses of each applicant for a certificate under this division, the date of filing of the application, the final action of the board upon each application, the date of such action, whether grant of a certificate was made with or without examination, date and action of the board in revocation or suspension proceedings, and the signatures of the members of the board participating in any action.

Sec. 105-72. Appeals from rulings of electrical examining board.

Any person feeling aggrieved by the action of the electrical examining board in refusing to grant a certificate of competency, or in revoking or suspending a certificate already issued, or by any ruling of the board, may appeal to the city council. Such appeal shall be taken within ten (10) days from the date of the action complained of by filing with the board and with the city council, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. Upon notice of appeal being filed with the examining board, it shall forthwith transmit to the city council, over the signature of the chairman of the board, all the paper constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

Sec. 105-73. Application of article to installation of radio transmitting equipment.

Radio transmitting equipment shall be deemed electrical equipment within the meaning of this division and shall be construed to require the installation of such equipment by a certified electrician or special permit holder.

Sec. 105-74—105-89. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. WORK PERMITS

Sec. 105-90. Application.

Application for a permit under this division shall be made in writing to the building official by the person installing the work. Such application shall show the name of the property owner, the name of the electrician or electrical contractor who is to do the work, the exact location of the premises by number of block, lot and house, or other good and sufficient description, a clear description of the work to be done, and the number of lights, fixtures, circuits and equipment.

Sec. 105-91. Filing of plans and specifications by applicant.

The person making application for a permit under this division shall, when required by the electrical inspector, file with the inspector complete plans and specifications for the installation, showing sizes of all conductors and such other details as may be necessary to determine whether the installation as described will be in conformity with the requirements of this article.

Sec. 105-92. Not to issue to person failing to correct defects.

Any person who shall fail to correct any defect in such person's work, after having been duly notified by the electrical inspector, shall not receive any further permit under this division until such defect has been corrected.

Sec. 105-93. Effect; compliance.

A permit issued under this division shall be for such installation as is described in the application and no deviation shall be made from the installation so described, without the written approval of the electrical inspector.

Secs. 105-94—105-116. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 105-117. Electrical code adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations, including the practice, materials and fixtures used, for the installation, construction, maintenance, extension, removal, demolition, and erection of electrical wiring, construction, electrical signs, and installation of electrical fixtures, machinery, equipment and appurtenances, the 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70. Such code shall be subject to all amendments, modifications and conflicting provisions contained in this Code.

Sec. 105-118. Regulating the placement, etc., of wires and appliances.

The electrical inspector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric wires or other appliances for electric light, heat or power in the city and to cause all such wires or appliances to be placed, constructed and guarded as not to cause fires or accidents, endangering life or property.

Sec. 105-119. Inspection and approval of wiring installations.

Upon the completion of any wiring installation of any building for light, heat or power, it shall be the duty of the person doing the same to notify the electrical inspector, and all wiring shall then be inspected and, if found properly installed and protected so as not to endanger life or property, the inspector shall notify the utility furnishing electric current and power in that section that it is ready to be used; thereby permitting connection to the system at the pleasure of the owner. There shall not be any approval issued on any installation not in accordance with this article, nor shall current be turned on to such installations until such approval is issued.

Sec. 105-120. Discontinuing electric service to defective systems.

In any case of failure to comply with this article, the electrical inspector shall have authority, after due notice, to cut off, or cause to be cut off, electric current or power in the locality involved, and it shall be unlawful for any person to connect or cause to be connected any system cut off for this purpose, until such corrections are made as are deemed necessary by the electrical inspector for the protection of life and property.

Sec. 105-121. Electrical inspector's right of entry; removal of defects in wires or appliances.

(a) The electrical inspector shall have the right, in the discharge of official duties, to enter, during reasonable hours, any building, manhole, or subway, or to climb any pole, for the purpose of examining and testing the electrical appliances therein or thereon contained. For that purpose, such inspector shall be given prompt access to all buildings, public and private, and to all manholes, subways or poles.

(b) Whenever an electric wire or appliance shall be defective through improper or insufficient insulation, or for any other reason, the electrical inspector shall at once cause the removal of such defects at the expense of the owner of such wires or appliances.

Sec. 105-122. Review when installation condemned.

When the electrical inspector condemns all or part of any electrical installation, the owner may, within five (5) days after receiving written notice, file a petition in writing for review of such action of the electrical inspector with the electrical examining board, upon receipt of which the board shall determine whether the electrical installation complies with the law, and render its decision accordingly.

Secs. 105-123—105-142 . Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. GAS CODE

Sec. 105-143. Adopted.

The *International Fuel Gas Code, 2009* edition, as revised, published by the International Code Council, Inc., pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-45-8, which provides rules and regulations for gas standards, is hereby adopted as the gas code of the city.

Sec. 105-144. Amendments.

The International Fuel Gas Code, 2009 edition as adopted in this article is amended to remove Chapter 1, Administration, Sections 101 - 106 and 108 - 109.

Secs. 105-145—105-171. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. MECHANICAL CODE

Sec. 105-172. Adopted.

The *International Mechanical Code, 2009* edition, as revised, published by the International Code Council, Inc., pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-45-8, which provides rules and regulations for mechanical standards, is hereby adopted as the mechanical code of the city.

Sec. 105-173. Amendments.

The International Mechanical Code, 2009 edition as adopted in this article is amended to remove Chapter 1, Administration, Sections 101 - 106 and 108 - 109.

Secs. 105-174—105-199. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. PLUMBING CODE

Sec. 105-200. Plumber certification--Required; filing application for examination.

All plumbers doing plumbing work in the city shall be certified as provided by Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-37-1 et seq.

Sec. 105-201. Adopted.

The *International Plumbing Code, 2009* edition as revised, published by the International Code Council, Inc., pursuant to section 11-45-8, *Code of Alabama 1975*, as amended, which provides rules and regulations for plumbing standards, is hereby adopted as the plumbing code of the city.

Sec. 105-202. Amendments.

The International Plumbing Code, 2009 edition as adopted in this article is amended as follows:

Remove Chapter 1, Administration, Sections 101-106 and 108-109.

ALL other provisions of these Chapters of the Code of Ordinances not herein amended shall remain in full force and effect. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.