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To: Electrical Contractors, Electrical Sign Contractors, District Managers, Electrical Senior Inspectors, Electrical Inspectors, and Electrical Sign Inspectors.

Ref: Adoption of 2020 NEC and City of Dallas Administrative Policies.

The adoption of the 2020 NEC by the Dallas City Council took place on May 11th, 2022, and the effective date will be June 13th, 2022.

Chapter 56 (Dallas Electrical Code) will be available June 13th, 2022, on our web site: www.dallascityhall.com.

2020 National Electrical Code articles and Ch. 56 amendments which bear special attention:

83.2(15) an amendment to 705.11(C) – Disconnecting means for supply side interconnections shall follow the service disconnecting location requirements of 230.70(A).

83.2(16) an amendment to 710.15(A) – Stand-alone output capacity must meet the minimum calculated load to be served per article 220 of the NEC.

210.8(A) – GFCI protection has been expanded to include 250v receptacles in dwelling units.

210.8(F) – Outdoor outlets at dwelling units 150v to ground or less, 50a or less must have GFCI protection.

Please see Tentative Interim Agreement 20-13, removing this requirement for inverter driven units.

230.67 – Surge-Protective Devices are required on single- and two-family dwelling unit services. This requirement is for replacements as well as new installations.

230.85 – Emergency disconnects are required to be installed on the exterior of single- and two-family dwellings.

410.16 – All closets, not just clothes closets, that contain combustible materials must have proper luminaire clearances.

680.21 – Pool pump motor replacement requires GFCI protection. 690.33(C) –

Interminability of PV Connectors

The following items are administrative policies of the City of Dallas' Building Inspection Division.

1. Emergency Service Restoration. Service conductors or equipment damaged by accident or fire, or by storm conditions such as ice or falling tree limbs, may be restored to the original safe condition without required upgrading to the minimum size or rating specified in Subsection 230.79.

2. Equipment requiring inspection while energized will require an electrician of the proper classification to be present at time of inspection to open the equipment.

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