



CITY OF DALLAS

January 10, 2018

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

Ref: Adoption of 2017 NEC and City of Dallas Administrative Policies.

The adoption of the 2017 NEC by the Dallas City Council took place on January 10, 2018 and the effective date will be March 1, 2018.

Chapter 56 (Dallas Electrical Code) will be available March 1, 2018 on our web site: www.dallascityhall.com.

Effective January 1, 2020 the City of Dallas examination and requirements will be discontinued. Holders of the Dallas certificate of registration electrical license will need to obtain a State of Texas electricians license from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. TDLR electrician licensing administrative rule 73.21(b) states “***b) To obtain a license without examination, an applicant must have been licensed for the preceding year by a municipality or regional licensing authority that has terminated its licensing program and have applied for a state issued license within ninety days of the date the program stopped issuing or renewing licenses.***” Qualifying Master electricians for an electrical contractor or electrical sign contractor will need to renew their Dallas contractors license using their current TDLR master license. If one does not have a current TDLR license they will need to contact the State of Texas and apply for a license per 73.21(b). A qualifying master may renew using the City of Dallas registration until July 1, 2020. A certificate that has expired after July 1, 2020 will not be renewed.

Any registered electrician whose registration with the City of Dallas has been active, or inactive for less than one year will be eligible to acquire a State of Texas license of the same classification without taking the exam per the State administrative rule 73.21(b). The following City of Dallas electrical license classifications are Master electrician, Master sign electrician, Journeyman electrician, Journeyman sign electrician and Residential wireman. All the above license registrations that have not been expired for more than one year will have 90 days from January 1, 2020 to apply to TDLR to receive the same license.

2017 National Electrical Code Articles, which bears special attention:

Chapter 56, 82.10(K)(6)-Chief electrical code administrator may withhold permits and inspections for failing to request all inspections as directed by Chief electrical code administrator and by chapter 52, 304.6.

110.14(D)-Torque requirements.

110.26(A)(4)-Additional clearance requirements for installations above ceilings.

210.11(C)(4)-One 120-volt, 20-ampere garage branch circuit for receptacles for dwelling units.

250.30(A)(4)-Grounding electrode system for separately derived system.

T310.15(B)(3)(c)-Removal of ambient temperature adjustment for raceways on or above rooftops.

406.12-Expansion of tamper resistant receptacles areas.

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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