

Chapter 3

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

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Sec. 3-1. Adoption of National Electrical Code.

From and after the taking effect of this Chapter, all installations in the City of wires and equipment to convey electric current, and installations of apparatus to be operated by such current except as hereinafter provided, shall be made in substantial accord with the National Electrical Code, 2014 Edition as published by the National Fire Protection Association. Such National Electrical Code as amended by this Chapter, is hereby adopted as an official Code of the City. The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the one (1) copy of said National Electrical Code from time to time as the same shall be compiled and published.

(Ord. 2001-17; 09/17/2001; 2002-22; 12/02/02; 2010-26, 12/20/2010; 2014-20, 12/01/2014)

Sec. 3-2. Amendments to the National Electrical Code

- A. Article 210.52(E)(3). Delete article 210.52(E)(3) and replace with the following: Balconies, Decks, and Porches. Balconies, decks, and porches having an overall area of twenty (20) square feet or more that are accessible from inside the dwelling unit shall have at least one (1) receptacle outlet installed within the perimeter of the balcony, deck, or porch. The receptacle shall not be located more than two (2.0) meters (six and one half feet [6½']) above the balcony, deck, or porch surface.

- B. Article 422.31(B). For permanently connected appliances rated over three hundred (300) volt-amperes, the branch-circuit switch or circuit breaker shall be permitted to serve as the disconnection means where the switch or circuit breaker is within sight from the appliance or is lockable in accordance with 110.25. When a single disconnect is serving more than one (1) piece of equipment, each piece of equipment shall have its own disconnect within site of the equipment. Single family homes are exempt from this Section.

(Ord. 2014-20, 12/01/2014; 2017-17, 12/18/2017)

Sec. 3-3. Fees.

Fees shall be established from time to time by Resolution of the Council, for the issuance of applicable electrical inspection permits.

(Ord. 2010-26, 12/20/2010; 2014-20, 12/01/2014; 2017-17, 12/18/2017)

Sec. 3-4. Exceptions.

Nothing in this Chapter shall be deemed to apply to the installation and maintenance of communication circuits, wires, and apparatus; nor to any electric public utility or its employees in the installation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and equipment by and for such public utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or systems; provided that such person shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in regard to electric wiring installation.

(Ord. 2014-20, 12/01/2014; 2017-17, 12/18/2017)

Sec. 3-5. City Not Liable.

This Chapter is not to be construed to relieve from or lessen responsibility or liability of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electrical wiring, electrical device, or electric motor for damages to person or property caused by any defects therein, nor shall the City be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection required herein or the

certificate of inspection herein provided for.
(Ord. 2017-17, 12/18/2017)

Sec. 3-6. Technical Changes to the National Electrical Code.

In addition to the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) the following requirements shall be met:

Service Entrance Raceway: With the approval of the inspecting authority, unfused conductors within a building or structure shall be installed in the service disconnecting means. The service disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location either outside a building or structure, or inside nearest the point of entrance of the service conductors but not to exceed fifteen feet (15') of raceway inside the building or structure. Service entrance conductors, where potential damage by means of impact, shall be encased in galvanized rigid conduit (GRC) or rigid non-metallic conduit Schedule 80, all other locations Schedule 40 conduit, when located inside of a building or structure.

(Ord. 2002-22, 12/02/02; 2010-26, 12/20/2010; 2014-20, 12/01/2014; 2017-17, 12/18/2017)

Sec. 3-7. Violations; Penalties.

A. It shall be unlawful to violate any provisions of this Chapter. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter, in addition to the penalties provided herein, shall be subject to all remedies available to the City under State and Federal law, including recovery of costs to the City resulting from such violation.

B. Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to the following:

It is an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) plus court costs for any person to violate provisions of this Chapter for the first time. A second violation within five (5) years is an infraction punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) plus court costs. A third violation within five (5) years shall be a

misdemeanor as defined by the Idaho Code and shall subject such person up to the maximum misdemeanor penalties as provided in the Idaho Code. Each separate day during which any violation of this Chapter occurs or continues, shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable as stated herein.

(Ord. 2014-20, 12/01/2014; 2017-17, 12/18/2017)