

ORDINANCE NO. 7533

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, "ELECTRICAL CODE," CHAPTER 30, "BUILDING INSPECTION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, SECTION 30.51, "ELECTRICAL REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES, AND SUPERVISION OF WORK"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:

Section 1

That Article III, "Electrical Code" of Chapter 30 "Building Inspection," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, Section 30.51, "Electrical registrations, licenses, and supervision of work." is hereby amended in part of to read as follows:

"§30.51 Electrical registrations, licenses, and supervision of work.

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(B) Except as provided in subsections (C) and (D), all provisions of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act, found in the State Occupations Code, title 8, chapter 1305 and the Administrative Rules of the state department of licensing and regulation, 16 Texas Administrative Code, chapter 73 shall be in full force within the City.

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(D) Municipal Electrical Maintenance License. Pursuant to Subchapter E, "Regulation of Electricians by Local Governments," Section 1305.201, "Municipal or Regional Regulation," of the Texas Occupations Code, an electrical maintenance technician license may be issued by the City to allow a governmental entity located within the City to employ persons as electrical maintenance technicians, which are qualified and authorized by this Code to maintain and make minor repairs to electrical systems on property that is owned or controlled by the governmental entity.

(1) Qualifications. Persons performing electrical work under this section in their capacity as an

employee of a governmental entity may apply for a license as an electrical maintenance technician with the City. Applicants applying for a municipal electrical maintenance technician license must complete eight (8) hours of training approved by the Building Official.

(2) Limitations of work. Work that may be performed under this license by an electrical maintenance technician shall be limited to the maintenance of, repair or replacement of devices or lighting fixtures, having the same characteristics as the existing devices or fixtures, in or on existing outlets and shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. 120-volt receptacles of all types;
- b. 240-volt 3-wire and 4-wire appliance receptacles. Replacement of these receptacles shall be limited to like configuration and amperage receptacles;
- c. Resetting or replacement of overcurrent devices and safety switches of only the same voltage, current, ampere interrupting capacity (AIC) including:
 1. One, two, or three pole circuit breakers not exceeding 200-amps at 480-volts;
 2. One, two, or three pole safety switches (fused or non-fused) not to exceed 200-amps at 480-volts; and
 3. Fuses not to exceed 200-amps at 480-volts;
- d. Photocells and time clocks not to exceed 480-volts nominal;
- e. Range hoods, ranges, ovens, disposals, dryers, ice machines, water heaters, walk in coolers, chilled water fountains, chilled bottle fillers, and dishwasher motors;

- f. Lighted exit signs, emergency lights, interior, exterior lighting and switches not to exceed 480-volts nominal;
- g. Ceiling fans on approved boxes with proper bracing;
- h. Wiring to low voltage devices with 120-volt connections;
- i. Bathroom-type exhaust vents;
- j. Card access systems, electronic door strikes, security system control boards and wiring, electric gates, overhead doors, and automatic door operator repair or replacement;
- k. thoroughfare lighting, traffic signals, intelligent transportation systems, parking lot lighting and telecommunications controlled by a governmental entity;
- l. electrical connections supplying heating, ventilation, replacing three phase 480 volt motors, and cooling and refrigeration equipment, including Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) and any required disconnect for the equipment;
- m. maintenance, alteration, or repair of elevators, escalators, or related equipment, excluding any required power source, regulated under Chapter 754, Health and Safety Code;
- n. Operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing back-up power systems such as uninterrupted power systems and backup generators up to 480 volt 1750 KVA
- o. landscape irrigation installers, as necessary to perform the installation and maintenance of irrigation control systems, and landscapers, as necessary to perform the installation and maintenance of low-voltage exterior lighting and holiday lighting excluding any required power source;

p. the maintenance, alteration, or repair of a pool-related electrical device by, or pool-related electrical maintenance performed by, an employee of a governmental entity on a pool owned or operated by the governmental entity; and

q. installation, erection, repair, or alteration of Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 remote control, signaling, or power-limited circuits, fire alarm circuits, optical fiber cables, or communications circuits, including raceways, as defined by the National Electrical Code.

(3) Expiration. A municipal electrical maintenance license issued under this section, shall remain valid until such time the permitted individual is no longer employed by the governmental agency for which the license was issued.

(4) Fees. There shall be no application fee for a municipal electrical maintenance license. Applicants, or their employers, shall be responsible for paying any fees associated with the mandated 8-hour training.

Section 2

That Chapter 30, "Building Inspection" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, as amended shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

Section 3

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 10.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

Section 4

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of June 2024.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Secretary