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COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Legislative Bill 2023-09

Introduced: June 20, 2023

Introduced by: Council President at the Request of the Electrical Board and County Executive

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 138 OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY CODE, TITLED "ELECTRICAL STANDARDS," ARTICLE II, TITLED "REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICIANS AND INSPECTIONS," SECTION 138-24, TITLED "INSPECTIONS; PERMITS" AND CHAPTER 141 OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY CODE, TITLED "FEES," SECTION 141-3, TITLED "DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT."

WHEREAS the Wicomico County Code requires permit fees be charged for electrical work to be performed in Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS there is a conflict in the County Code as to the process for setting fees as it relates to electrical work in Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS Wicomico County's current fee structure does not represent the standard practice throughout the State of Maryland for categorizing fees; and

WHEREAS the Wicomico County Electrical Board has reviewed the current fee structure and recommends that the fee structure be amended to be in accordance with the general practice within the State.

Section I. BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, that Chapter 138 of The Wicomico County Code, Titled "Electrical Standards," Article II, Titled "Registration of Electricians and Inspections," Section 138-24, Titled "Inspections; Permits" And Chapter 141 of The Wicomico County Code, Titled "Fees," Section 141-3, Titled "Department Of Planning, Zoning And Community Development" are hereby amended, to read as follows:

Chapter 138

Electrical Standards

Article II

Registration of Electricians and Inspections

§138-24 Inspections; permits.

B. Any person permitted to install electrical work must first secure a permit to do so from the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development before starting any such work. Any permit procured for the erection and maintenance of any temporary service pole shall include whatever permanent installation required under that particular project. Charge

for said permit shall be determined by the Board- AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THERE SHALL BE A PERMIT FEE FOR COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORK AND A PERMIT FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL WORK.

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Chapter 141

Fees

§141-3 Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development.

A. Fees enumerated. The following fees shall be collected by the Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development:

(7) Permit fees. The following application or review fees shall be collected:

(a) Electrical permit fees pursuant to §§138-24(B) and 117-5: \$20

COMMERCIAL: \$70 PER PERMIT; RESIDENTIAL: \$35 PER PERMIT.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT this bill shall be known as Legislative Bill No. 2023-09 and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of July, 2023.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

 (SEAL)

By: John T. Cannon, President

 (SEAL)

By: Laura Hurley, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.

 (SEAL)

By: Laura Hurley, Secretary

Explanation:

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matters deleted from existing law.

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTERS ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~CAPITAL STRIKE OUT~~ indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill

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Introduced and read first time on June 20, 2023. Ordered posted and public hearing scheduled for July 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING: Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing held on July 18, 2023.



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 18th day of July, 2023.



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

Presented to the County Executive for approval this 19th day of July at 9:11 (a.m./p.m.) (5 days §411)

Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:



County Executive

APPROVED
Date: 7/20/23
(21 days §411)

VETOED
Date: _____

BY THE COUNCIL:

Option One: This Bill, having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 20, 2023 and effective on: September 18, 2023.
(60 days §311)

Option Two: This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the County Executive with 21 days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____ and becomes effective on _____.
(60 days §311)

Option Three: This Bill, being exempt from the Executive Veto stands enacted on _____ and becomes effective on _____. (Charter Section 305)

ENROLLMENT: **Legislative Bill No. 2023-09** is herewith submitted to the County Council of Wicomico County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator