

**AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF
TITLE 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION BY AMENDING CERTAIN PARTS
OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE IN CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE RAPID CITY
MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted the Electrical Code in Chapter 15.16 of the Rapid City Municipal Code to prescribe regulations for the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity; and

WHEREAS, some provisions within Chapter 15.16 conflict or contradict the proposed administrative provisions in Chapter 15.04; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to amend provisions found within Chapter 15.16 Electrical Code which conflict or contradict the administrative provisions proposed in Chapter 15.04; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.16 Electrical Code provides for a Rapid City Electrical Board to review orders, decisions, or determinations of the City under the Electrical Code; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes the Building Board of Appeals established in Chapter 15.04 to review City decisions under the Electrical Code; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend provisions concerning the amounts of fees required by provisions in Title 15 to refer to a resolution of the Common Council in which all relevant fees will be set.

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Rapid City that Section 15.16.020 of the Rapid City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

15.16.020 Administration and Enforcement--Added.

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Administration and Enforcement

80.1 Definitions.

“Apprentice Electrician” means a person learning the trade under the immediate supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or class B electrician. An apprentice electrician who has more than forty-two consecutive months of experience may work on a residential project without immediate supervision for a period not to exceed eight hours, provided no such apprentice shall work more than eight hours without immediate supervision on any one project.

—“Board” means the Rapid City Electrical Board provided for in this chapter.

~~“Chief Electrical Inspector” means the person authorized under this chapter to make inspections of electrical installations and work, and to provide expertise for the Building Official in the area of electrical regulations. For the purposes of this ordinance, the Chief Electrical Inspector/Building Inspector IV shall be called the Chief Electrical Inspector~~

“City of Rapid City or City” means City of Rapid City Building Inspection Department or Building Official.

“Class B Electrician” means a person who has the necessary qualifications, which shall include training, experience and technical knowledge to contract, install, lay out, alter or repair installations of electrical wiring in residential dwellings and farmsteads.

“Electrical Contractor” means a person, firm or corporation that engages in the business of or contracts for installing, altering, removing, repairing or maintaining any kind of electrical wiring or equipment. The electrical contractor must hold a master electrician license or have a responsible managing employee who holds a master electrician license.

~~“Electrical Inspector/Building Inspector II or III” means the person hired by the Building Official to assist the Chief Electrical Inspector in the inspection of electrical installations and work, and to perform other duties in the absence of the Chief Electrical Inspector. For the purposes of this chapter, the Electrical Inspector/Building Inspector II or III shall be called the Electrical Inspector.~~

“Electrical wiring” means a system of conductors to carry electrical energy and includes conduit when included as part of the system.

“Electrical work” means installing, altering, repairing or removing electrical wiring.

“Homeowner wiring” means any electrical wiring done by a person, on that person’s premises, that is presently occupied, or intended to be occupied when completed, providing the premises is a single-family dwelling or accessory building.

“Journeyman Electrician” means a person who has the necessary qualifications, which shall include training, experience and technical knowledge to wire in accordance with local ordinances or other adopted rules and regulations, who shall perform such work under the supervision of the designated master electrician.

“Master Electrician” means a person who has the necessary qualifications, which shall include training, experience and technical knowledge; to plan, lay out, supervise, install, add, alter, and repair installations of wiring or equipment for electrical light, heat or power in an approved manner, without supervision. Each electrical contractor shall designate a master electrician under whose supervision electrical work shall be done. The City of Rapid City shall be notified of such designation.

“RME” means responsible managing employee. He or she must be a bona fide employee of the firm. This means that the RME must be regularly employed by the firm and actively involved in the operation of the business at least 32 hours per week or 80 percent of the total business operating hours per week, whichever is less. The RME must hold a valid master electrician license, issued by the Rapid City Finance Department. The RME shall be responsible for any violations of this chapter.

“Supervision” of any kind thereof, means to look over, inspect, oversee, coordinate, direct and critically evaluate the work of a journeyman electrician or an apprentice electrician. The electrical inspector may request the presence of the supervising master electrician on the job site on twenty-four hours notice. Notice of such request is considered accomplished if left with the business, or with the master electrician as listed on the latest license application on record in the city finance office. In the case of immediate on-site supervision of an apprentice electrician, no journeyman electrician shall supervise more than two apprentice electricians at a time.

“Wiring permit” means electrical wiring permit.

80.2 Application.

A. In order to safeguard life and property from electrical hazards, every person engaged in doing electrical work shall comply with the terms of this chapter and with the provisions in Chapter 15.04.

B. When any new building structure or alteration of a building violates the requirements of this chapter for electrical wiring, not exempt by subsection C of this section, the wiring shall be brought into compliance with this code.

C. This chapter shall apply to the installation of all electrical equipment within or on public and private buildings and premises, ~~with the following general exceptions:~~ unless an exception found in 15.04 or in this code applies.

~~1. Placement of lamps in fixtures already installed by qualified persons in an approved manner, provided only qualified electricians may install or replace lamps in explosion-proof fixtures;~~

~~2. Connecting or disconnecting equipment to an approved receptacle by a suitable attachment plug;~~

~~3. Maintenance in labeled equipment or appliances, where the original installation was affected by a qualified electrician, when any such repair or maintenance work is not detrimental to the original wiring or connection;~~

~~4. Installation, alteration or repair of wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment for operation of signals or for transmission of intelligence, where such wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment operate at a voltage not exceeding fifty volts between conductors and which do not~~

~~include generating or transforming equipment capable of supplying more than fifty watts of energy;~~

~~—— 5. Installation of electric wiring, devices, or equipment to be installed by a public utility in the generation, transmission or sale of electric energy, or for the use of such a utility in the transmission of intelligence;~~

~~—— 6. Work performed under any contract led by the State and supervised and inspected by the State;~~

~~—— 7. Buildings, structures, or premises owned by the State or Federal Government, including, but not limited to, State owned schools;~~

~~—— 8. Existing electrical systems in any building, although a change in use or occupancy has occurred. Such existing electrical system may remain in service only if adequate and suitable for the intended purpose, and in compliance with NFPA 73.~~

80.3 Chief Electrical Inspector/Building Inspector IV and Electrical Inspector/ Building Inspector I, II, or III Qualifications.

~~—— A. Qualifications shall be as stated in the job descriptions on file at the City of Rapid City.~~

~~—— B. Duties.~~

~~—— 1. The City Building Official shall designate the Chief Electrical Inspector to examine applicants for licenses under this chapter as to their knowledge of the rules and regulations for the installation of electrical wiring devices and equipment as provided by this chapter and the National Electrical Code. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall grant licenses as applied for those applicants who show proper qualifications and renewals of licenses to those applicants who maintain their qualifications and who are in compliance with this chapter. Applicants with outstanding corrections older than 180 days shall not be issued a license so as the corrections may be completed by the State Electrical Commission with monies available through the Commission undertaking fund per SDCL 36-16-20. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall determine the general qualifications of such applicants for executing the class of work covered by this license applied for and their ability to properly carry on the work authorized under the license applied for in such manner as to regulations and ordinances governing such work.~~

~~—— 2. Any applicant who fails to pass the examination shall not be entitled to take another examination until at least thirty days thereafter. If a second examination is failed, the applicant shall not be entitled to take another examination until at least ninety days thereafter. Application for license shall be made on forms provided by the City of Rapid City.~~

~~—— 3. Before a license is issued to an applicant, the Chief Electrical Inspector shall have evidence that the applicant is licensed by the State of South Dakota. Should any licensee or applicant for license under this chapter be aggrieved by the action of the Chief Electrical Inspector, he may, within ten days, apply to the Electrical Board for a review of such action.~~

Upon such review, the Electrical Board may affirm, modify or reverse the action of the Chief Electrical Inspector, and may order for good cause the issuance of a license.

80.4 Electrical Board.

~~—A.— Creation, Appointments, Terms, Compensation, and Quorum.~~ There is hereby created the Electrical Board of the City of Rapid City, hereinafter designated as the Board. Such board shall consist of a Master Electrician, a Journeyman Electrician, an Electrical Contractor, all licensed by the City, and a bona fide representative of an electrical utility serving the City. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall be the nonvoting secretary of the Board. The Electrical Inspector shall serve at the board meetings in the absence of the Chief Electrical Inspector. The members of such board shall be appointed for a term of two years. The City Council shall approve appointments at its first regular meeting in May. All members of the Rapid City Electrical Board, except the Chief Electrical Inspector, shall serve without compensation. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

~~—B.— Duties.~~

~~——1.—~~ The Rapid City Electrical Board is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as shall become necessary, with the approval of the City Council. The Rapid City Electrical Board shall notify all license holding master electricians of such proposed rules and regulations thirty days prior to the delivery of such rules and regulations to the City Council.

~~—C.— Appeals.~~

~~——1.—~~ The appeals board shall consist of the Rapid City Electrical Board and one member from the public appointed by the Mayor. The member shall be a resident of Rapid City. The term of this member shall be until such time as the Mayor shall appoint a replacement.

~~——2.— Review of Decisions.~~ Any person, firm, or corporation may register an appeal with the Board for a review of any order, decision or determination of the City of Rapid City pertaining to the provisions of this chapter. Such appeal shall be submitted to the City Building Official or their designee, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the appellant being given notice of the order, decision or determination appealed from. The appeal shall specifically state the alleged error in the order, decision or determination of the Building Official, or their designee, along with any relevant code provisions and the proposed remedy or relief requested. Upon receipt of such appeal, said Building Official, or their designee, shall place the item on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Electrical Board for its consideration. After holding a hearing on the appeal, at which the appellant can address the Board if they choose to do so, the Board will proceed to determine whether the order, decision or determination of the City complies with the City Electrical Code. The Electrical Board shall make a decision in accordance with its findings within fifteen (15) days of the hearing.

80.53 License.

A. Homeowner Permits.

1. A homeowner may install electrical wiring, only in a residence, accessory structure or mobile home which he owns and occupies or will occupy as his home, subject to the following:
 - a. All electrical wiring installed pursuant to this section shall be installed only by the owner, without compensation or pay to any other person for such labor or installation. Such installation shall comply with the requirements of this code. The homeowner shall file plans, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City of Rapid City that he possesses sufficient knowledge of code requirements and the ability to make such installation properly, apply for and secure a permit, pay the required permit fees, and call for all inspections in the manner provided in this code. Homeowner permits shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of the last inspection.
 - b. No portion of the wiring installed under a permit issued pursuant to this section shall be energized until a final certificate of approval is issued by the City of Rapid City.

B. License Required. No person shall engage in the business of electrical installation, or perform any electrical work, or offer or agree to perform any electrical work within the City without a current license issued in accordance with ~~this chapter~~ Chapter 15.04.

C. License Application.

1. Any person desiring to engage in the business of electrical installation, as an electrical contractor, Class B electrician, master electrician, or journeyman electrician shall make application for a license pursuant to Chapter 15.04 ~~therefore to the City of Rapid City, on applications furnished by the Rapid City Finance office, and submit the same to the Building Official. The license applicant must submit a copy of his/her current South Dakota State electrical license with the application.~~
2. The electrical contractor and class B electrical contractors shall complete and submit license applications and license renewals for all employees (other than apprentices) prior to their presence on any job site.

D. License Type and Qualifications.

1. Master Electrician. A person must have at least two years experience as a journeyman electrician and possess a current state electrical contractor's license or journeyman electrician's license before making an applicant for a master electrician's license. ~~The board requires an examination of all applicants with a score of seventy percent or greater prior to issuance of such license.~~

Exception: A person may put his master's license under inactive status, per state law; however, during that time, he may not be employed as an electrician within the City.

2. Journeyman Electrician. A person must have at least four years experience as an apprentice electrician under the employment and supervision of a licensed master electrician or class B electrician, and possess a current state journeyman electrician's license before making application for a City journeyman electrician's license. Training, by on-the-job employment or post secondary schooling, shall include, but not be limited to, familiarization and study of the National Electrical Code, commercial wiring, residential or farmstead working, electrical motor installation and controls, and blueprint reading.
3. Class B Electrician. A person must have at least two years experience as a journeymen wiring, installing and repairing electrical apparatus and equipment under the supervision of a master electrician or class B electrician before making application for a class B electrical license. A minimum of one year of that experience shall be in residential or farmstead wiring. ~~The board requires an examination of all applicants with a score of seventy percent or greater prior to issuance of such license.~~
4. Apprentice Electrician. An apprentice electrician's experience while employed in South Dakota starts on the date the application is received in the State Electrical Commission Office. Type of work and length of experience claimed outside of South Dakota shall be listed on a form provided by the Commission and shall be verified by the Commission. Such verification of experience may be accepted by the ~~board~~Building Official, including units of time allowed for schooling or other experience pursuant to South Dakota State Electrical Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 20:44:03:07.
5. Electrical Inspector to Electrical Contractor. Any qualified electrical inspector may obtain a City electrical contractor's license upon the approval of the ~~board~~Building Official.
6. Maintenance Electrician's License. Electrical maintenance to comply with South Dakota State Electrical Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 20:44:16:21 and 20:44:16:22.

~~—E.— **Examination.** If an examination is required prior to the issuance of a license under this chapter, the City of Rapid City shall notify the applicant of the time, place and date thereof. If a journeyman has a current South Dakota State journeyman license, received by examination, no additional examination shall be required.~~

~~—F.— **Issuance.**~~

- ~~1. The City Finance Officer shall issue licenses applied for under this chapter, and renewals thereof, in accordance with this chapter and the provisions of this code.~~
- ~~2. Each electrical contractor, sign contractor, class B electrician and master electrician shall post the license in a conspicuous place in the business named on the license.~~
- ~~3. Every electrician shall possess the necessary electricians' license and shall carry his license card at all times when doing electrical work within the city.~~

~~**G. License Fees.**~~

~~1. Fees for licenses under this chapter shall be paid prior to issuance thereof, according to the following schedule:~~

	Initial Fee	Renewal Fee
Journeyman Electrician	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Class B Electrician	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Master/Inactive Master	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Electrical Contractor	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00

~~2. When work for which a license is required is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining such license, the fee as set forth herein shall be doubled. Payment of such fee shall not exempt the licensee from the provisions of this chapter.~~

~~**H. Renewal.** Each license issued under this chapter shall be for a two-year maximum time frame, beginning January 1, in odd-numbered years. If the renewal license is not applied for by January 31st, the license shall be considered lapsed, and the initial fee and testing requirements shall apply.~~

~~**I. Revocation.** In addition to other penalties imposed, any license issued under this chapter may be revoked by the council for violation of any provision of this chapter.~~

80.64 Electrical Work.

A. General Responsibilities. Electrical contractors, class B electricians, and individuals wiring their own residence or farmstead, shall secure all required licenses and wiring permits before commencing to do any electrical work not exempt by this title Article 80.2.C. of this section.

B. Contractors to Make Personnel Reports. Each electrical contractor shall report to the chief electrical inspector all new personnel who are required to hold an electrical license or permit and any new employee who is not properly licensed for the type of work he is to do.

80.7 Permits.

~~—A. Permit Required.~~ Before commencing any electrical work within the purview of this chapter, the person intending to do such work must first make application to the City of Rapid City for a permit; provided, however, no permit shall be required for the installation, alteration or removal of a single thirty amp circuit or less, if such circuit is installed, altered or removed by an Electrical Contractor holding the appropriate license issued pursuant to this chapter. A permit is required for fees equal to or greater than \$10.00.

~~—B. Permit Application.~~ Any person desiring a permit required by this section shall make an application for such permit with the City of Rapid City, which application shall be on a form furnished by the City for that purpose. The building official shall require construction documents, computations and specifications to be prepared and designed by a registered design professional when required by state law, or when the valuation of construction is \$50,000 or greater or an electrical fee of \$650.00 or over, and exempt residential work that is exempt by state law. Construction documents shall be drawn to scale and shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that the work conforms to the provisions of this code.

~~—C. Permit Fees.~~

~~——1.~~ Before any permit is granted, the person making application for such permit shall pay to the city finance officer a fee in such amount as specified in the following Tables; provided, however the minimum permit fee shall be \$50.00 dollars.

~~——2.~~ Prepaid electrical permits will be available from the City of Rapid City. These prepaid permits may be purchased singularly or in books of ten at a fee of \$75.00 each.

~~——3.~~ Before commencing an electrical installation for which a general permit was not issued, or issued without the electrical included, a prepaid permit shall be completed and posted in the area of the work. The inspector will pick up the prepaid permit, and it will become part of the permanent file. If the fee exceeds \$75.00 dollar plus five dollars for the state affidavit fee, the electrical contractor will be billed. Prepaid permits shall not be used for electrical installations requiring construction documents and engineering.

FEE SCHEDULE

Table 80.7 (C) (1)

Inspection fee for new single family and two family residences shall be the greater value determined, based on the flat rate or the square footage rate.

Flat Rate	Service Size in Amperes	Inspection Fee
	0—200	\$ 135.00
	201 to 400	\$ 275.00
	401 and larger	\$ 300.00 plus circuitry
Square Footage	5 cents per square foot finished area	
	2.5 cents per square foot unfinished area	
	2.5 cents per square foot garage	

Table 80.7 (C) (2)

Inspection fee schedule for service connection (only) for replacement of services for existing homes and all other service installations, including commercial installation. These fees are in addition to the circuit fees required by Table 15.16.090 (C) (3).

Service Size in Amperes	Inspection Fee
0—200	\$ 75.00
201—400	\$ 100.00
401—800	\$ 125.00
801—1600	\$ 150.00
1601 and over	\$175.00

Table 80.7 (C) (3)

Inspection fee schedule for circuitry installations or alterations including new work in existing homes, commercial circuitry installations and all other circuitry installation shall be as follows:

Number of Connected Circuits	0-30A	31-60A	61-100A
	CCT	CCT	CCT
Each	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
Each additional one hundred amperes or fraction thereof: \$8.00.			

— **Table 80.7 (C) (4)**

Inspection fee for permanently installed electric signs, outline lighting, and field assembled skeletal neon systems and area lighting shall be as follows:

\$50.00 for each sign, feeder, or branch circuit, or the fee calculated as listed in Table 15.16.020 (C) (2) and Table 15.16.020 (C) (3), with a maximum of \$60.00.

— **Table 80.7 (C) (5)**

Electrical fees for electrical installations associated with remodeling projects.

First 40 openings or connections:	\$1.00 each.
Each additional opening or connection:	\$0.50 each.
First 40 lighting fixtures:	\$1.00 each.
Each additional lighting fixture:	\$0.50 each.
Each motor or special equipment:	\$6.00 each.

— **Table 80.7 (C) (6)**

Electrical Fees for electrical installations in apartment buildings.

Inspection fees for apartment buildings with 3 or more units are \$35.00 per unit.

Services, feeders and branch circuits serving other apartment building loads shall be per tables (C) (2), (C) (3), and (C) (4).

—**Table 80.7 (C) (7)**

Electrical fees for mobile home service equipment and feeders.

First Service:	\$50.00
Each Additional Unit:	\$25.00

—**Table 80.7 (C) (8)**

Electrical fees for recreational vehicle parks.

Inspection fee is \$20.00 per recreational vehicle park unit.
Service and Other Wiring shall be per (C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4)

—**Table 80.7 (C) (9)**

Electrical fees for swimming pools.

Bonding fee:	\$125.00
Service, feeders, and circuits per tables.	

—**Table 80.7 (C) (10)**

Fee for late corrections. If corrections are not completed within 30 days of the date of the inspectors report, a \$100.00 administrative fee may be accessed to the applicant of the permit.

Fee for improper supervision of apprentices. If an electrical inspector has to notify the master electrician/electrical contractor, that his apprentices are not being properly supervised per this ordinance, an administrative fee of \$100.00 shall be accessed to the electrical contractor.

—**Exception:** Western Dakota Technical Institute or an accredited higher education facility.

Fee for after hour inspections. There shall be a minimum two hour fee of \$100.00 charged for inspections done after hours.

—**Table 80.7 (C) (11)**

State Electrical Affidavit fees are required by the South Dakota State Electrical Commission. This fee is subject to change. The current fee is \$5.00 per permit.

~~4. The building permit includes all electrical work associated with the construction. The fee associated with a building permit shall not waive the requirement of an electrical permit.~~

~~5. Where work for which a permit is required is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining the permit, the fee, as set out in this section, shall be doubled. Payment of such fee shall not exempt the permittee from the provisions of this chapter.~~

~~6. If by reason of noncompliance with any provision of the code or through use of defective material or due to negligence on the part of workmen, a subsequent inspection becomes necessary, an additional fee of \$50.00 shall be charged for each such inspection.~~

~~7. All local inspection fees shall conform to the preceding tables or to the greater of those inspection fees set and from time to time adjusted by the South Dakota State Electrical Commission.~~

~~**D. Permit Issuance or Refusal.** Upon the approval of the application for a permit, the City of Rapid City shall issue such permit to the person applying therefore, stating the name of the owner or lessee of the property, the location where the work is to be done, the name of the electrical contractor doing such work and specifically the work authorized to be done thereunder. In the event that such application for permit is rejected by the City of Rapid City, the reason for such rejection must be endorsed thereon by the City, and the applicant shall be notified of such rejection within two working days. In such event, should the applicant for such permit be aggrieved by the action of the City of Rapid City, he may apply to the Rapid City Electrical Board for review of the City's action. Should the applicant still feel aggrieved, he may apply to the City Council, who upon review, may affirm, modify or reverse the action of the City of Rapid City and may order, for good cause, the issuance of such permit.~~

~~**E. Notice of Changes in Installation Made after Permit Issuance.** Any person doing work pursuant to a permit issued under this chapter shall notify the City of Rapid City before making any changes in the installation from that authorized on the original permit.~~

~~**F. Expiration.** Every permit issued by the building official under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the building or work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of such permit, or if the building or work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be recommenced, a new permit shall be first obtained to do so, and the fee therefore shall be one half the amount required for a new permit for such work, provided no changes have been made or will be made in the original plans and specifications for such work, and provided further that such suspension or abandonment has not exceeded one year. In order to renew action on a permit after expiration the permittee shall pay a new full permit fee.~~

~~Any permittee holding an un-expired permit may apply for an extension of the time within which work may commence under that permit when the permittee is unable to commence work within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The building official may extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding 180 days on a written~~

~~request by the permittee showing that circumstances beyond the control of the permittee have prevented action from being taken. No permit shall be extended more than once.~~

~~—G. **Suspension or Revocation.** The building official may, in writing, suspend or revoke a permit issued under the provisions of this code whenever the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.~~

~~The revocation of a permit can be appealed to the City Electrical Board pursuant to Section 15.16.020(80.4)(C).~~

~~—H. **Fee Refunds.** The building official is authorized to establish a refund policy, which is on file in the office of the building official.~~

80.85 Inspection.

~~—A. Any person doing work under a permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall notify the City of Rapid City when the work is ready for inspection and before it is concealed, giving the location by providing the permit or prepaid permit number, the street address, the nature of the work and when the work will be accessible to the City. The City of Rapid City shall inspect such work within a period of two working days after notification that such work is ready for inspection.~~

~~—B. Failure to renew or obtain a final inspection prior to expiration of the permit is a violation of the Rapid City Municipal Ordinance, subject to a \$100 administrative fee.~~

~~—C. When it is necessary for the City to re-inspect any work, because of defects or because it was not ready for inspection when the notice provided for in subsection A of this section was given, the person holding the permit for such work shall pay a fee of \$50.00 for each re-inspection.~~

~~—D. When an installation or that portion of a project which the City of Rapid City has been notified as being ready for inspection does not comply with this chapter, the City may write a correction to the permittee, stating the date, location and the specific violations to be corrected or the reason for rejection, the time allowed for making corrections, and if a re-inspection fee is required. Upon receiving all required fees and a written notice that corrections have been made and the work is ready and accessible for re-inspection, the City shall re-inspect the work within two working days and approve or reject it.~~

~~E.~~ A. When the installation or portion being inspected in accordance with Chapter 15.04 complies with this chapter, the City shall place a tag of acceptance at the service or in a conspicuous place. When the entire installation complies with this chapter, the City shall place a tag of final acceptance at the service equipment as a certificate of approval authorizing the use of the installation and connection to the supply of electricity by the agency supplying the electrical power.

~~F.~~B. If an existing electrical service is disconnected, either for alteration, repair, accident, or by an act of nature, this same service shall meet the minimum standards of NFPA 73, Residential Electrical Maintenance Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, prior to permanent reconnection. A-frame meter bases shall not be reconnected, other than for temporary use.

C. A minimum electrical permit is required for the inspection of existing services.

D. In cases where the service is reconnected prior to electrical inspection, the electrical contractor shall notify the City of Rapid City by 8:30 a.m. the following workday.

80.96 Electrical Signs.

Permanently installed electrical signs, outline lighting and field assembled skeletal neon systems shall be listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Branch circuit wiring and primary electrical connection of the above shall be completed by an electrical contractor, licensed by the City of Rapid City Finance Department. The electrical contractor will be responsible for obtaining the electrical permit and scheduling an inspection when access will be made available to the City of Rapid City. These installations shall not be energized prior to approval by the City of Rapid City.

80.107 Unauthorized Connections.

No person shall make connection from a supply of electricity to any new electrical installation which has been ordered disconnected, or any electrical installation where the service entrance or service equipment has been disconnected, moved or otherwise altered, until authorized by the City; except in an emergency to safeguard life or property, when such connection is made in a safe manner by a person qualified under this chapter, who shall be responsible for the work and shall notify the City, as soon as possible, and pay any required fee. Prior to authorization, services shall comply with NFPA 73.

80.118 Disconnection.

When an alteration or addition is made or a condition is apparent which is in violation of this chapter or this title, the City of Rapid City may require that portion which is in violation to be corrected and/or disconnected from the supply, until correction has been effected. Any wiring that becomes hazardous after installation shall be required to be disconnected upon order of the City of Rapid City.

80.129 Temporary Installations.

Temporary electrical installations must be made so as to safeguard persons and property and shall be inspected and approved by the City of Rapid City. Such temporary installation shall not be allowed for more than one hundred eighty days without re-inspection and approval by the City. Such re-inspection may be had upon request and payment of the fee set out in this section.

80.1310 Liability.

This chapter shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electrical equipment for damages to persons or to property caused by any defect therein or negligence in handling thereof, nor shall the City of Rapid City be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspections or re-inspection authorized in this chapter, or the certificates of approval issued as herein provided, or by reason of the approval or disapproval of any equipment authorized herein.

80.14 Violations—Penalty.

~~—Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues; provided, that written notice of the original violation has been given to the violator by the City of Rapid City.~~

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

(SEAL)