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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Legal and Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Brad Solon, Building Official *BS*  
**DATE:** May 20, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Amendment – Rapid City Electrical Code

City staff was recently made aware of an Attorney General's opinion requiring an amendment to the Rapid City Municipal Code.

The Rapid City Electrical Code currently states that a person must occupy in, or will occupy a new home to be eligible for a homeowner permit to wire the new home. This local amendment was based on the State Electrical Commission's interpretation allowing a person to wire a home which he or she occupies or will occupy as his or her home.

Recently the attorney for the State Electrical Commission made a determination that a prospective owner of a new home does not occupy the new home; therefore, a wiring permit can not be issued to a prospective owner to wire a new home.

Based on the new opinion, staff recommends that Section 15.60.020 (80.5) of the Rapid City Municipal Code be amended to eliminate the provisions currently allowing a prospective owner of a new home to obtain a permit and wire their new home. By amending the Rapid City Municipal Code, the City of Rapid City would be in compliance with the State Wiring Bulletin.

**Recommendation:** That Section 15.60.020 (80.5) of the Rapid City Municipal Code be amended as attached to comply with the State Wiring Bulletin.



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