

CITY OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. 95

An Ordinance to add to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, regulations consistent with nationally recognized practices for the reasonable protection of life and property from the hazards of fire and electrical shock due to the construction, alteration, removal, use, and maintenance of electrical systems, including the issuance of permits and the levy of penalties.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

Section 1. A certain electrical code known specifically as the National Electrical Code of 1978, published by the National Fire Protection Association, and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, of which not less than one (1) copy has been placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, be and the same hereby is adopted and incorporated in this ordinance as fully as if set out at length herein.

Section 2. All electrical wires for light, heat or power purposes, installed after May 1, 1981, in or about any building within the limits of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, shall be encased in metal conduits, flexible metal conduits or metal mouldings, as specified by the rules of the National Electrical Code, and shall not be used until they shall have been inspected and approved by the city official charged with the duty of inspecting electrical wires. The provisions of this section shall apply to all construction, which includes, but is not limited to, all churches, schools, hospitals, sanitariums, motels, hotels, public and commercial buildings, except one and two-family dwellings and multifamily dwellings of wood

construction not exceeding three (3) floors above grade, within the city.

Section 3. The Chief Electrical Inspector, who shall be designated by the Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric light and power wires in and on buildings in said City so as to prevent fires, accidents or injuries to persons or property, and to cause all electrical appliances to be so placed, constructed and guarded so as not to cause fires or accidents or to endanger life or property, and wherever in the judgment of said Chief Electrical Inspector any electric wires or appliances shall be defective by reason of improper or insufficient insulation, or for any other cause, the said Chief Electrical Inspector shall at once cause the immediate removal of such defect.

Section 4. The Chief Electrical Inspector or his assistant shall have the right to enter any building, at any reasonable hour, or any hour in case of emergency, in the discharge of his official duty, or for the purpose of making any tests of the electrical apparatus or appliance therein contained, and for that purpose he shall be given prompt access to all buildings, public and private, on application to the company or individual owning or in charge or control of the same.

Section 5. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall, during the installation of an electric wiring system, make or cause inspections to be made to insure compliance with this ordinance.

Section 6. No work in connection with an electrical wiring system shall be covered or concealed until it has been inspected as prescribed in this ordinance and permission to do so has been given by the Chief Electrical Inspector.

Section 7. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall, within a reasonable time after notice of completion of

electrical wiring, for which a permit is required by this ordinance, make or cause to be made an inspection of such work and such tests as may be necessary to determine that it conforms with this ordinance.

Section 8. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall make or cause to be made a reinspection of an existing electric wiring installation whenever he deems it necessary in the interest of public safety.

Section 9. If an electric wiring system upon reinspection is found to be defective and unsafe, the Chief Electrical Inspector shall revoke all certificates in effect at that time relating to such system, and the use of such system shall be discontinued until it has been made to conform to this ordinance and a new certificate has been issued by the Chief Electrical Inspector.

Section 10. The Chief Electrical Inspector may, in his discretion, give temporary permission, for a reasonable time, to supply and use current in part of an electrical installation before such installation has been fully completed and the certificate issued.

Section 11. No alteration or change shall be made in the wiring of any building or premises, nor shall any building or premises be wired for the placing of electric lights, motors, signs or devices without first securing from the Chief Electrical Inspector, or competent person delegated, a permit therefor. A copy of such permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the job site at all times from the time of issuance until the final inspection. No change shall be made in the electric plant after inspection without notifying the Chief Electrical Inspector and securing a permit therefor.

Section 12. Upon completion of the wiring of any building, and of the wiring of signs, before installation, it shall be the duty of the company, firm or individual

doing the same to notify the Chief Electrical Inspector, who shall at once inspect the same, and if approved by him, shall issue a certificate of satisfactory inspection, which shall contain the date of such inspection. No such certificate shall be issued unless the electric light, power, sign, or heating installation and all apparatus, wires, etc., connected with it shall be in strict conformity with this ordinance herein set forth; nor shall current be turned on such installations until said certificate is issued.

Section 13. Permits shall be issued only upon written applications made therefor to the Chief Electrical Inspector. All applications for permits shall be made by and in the name of the licensed electrical contractor undertaking to do the work proposed and also in the name of the firm or corporation with whom or by whom the contractor is associated or employed.

Section 14. No application shall be received from or permit issued to any person, unless such person is authorized by law to engage in the business of or to hold themselves out to the public as engaging in the business of installing, erecting or repairing, or contracting to install, erect or repair, electric wires or conductors to be used for the transmission of electric current for electric light, heat or power purposes, or to install, erect or repair electric motors, heating devices or other electrical apparatus or appliances, for the doing of which a permit is required by this ordinance.

Section 15. Before a permit may be issued under Section 13 of this ordinance, the applicant must pay a fee for such permit at a rate set from time to time by the City Council.

(a) Any person, who shall fail to correct any defects in his work within a reasonable time after having been duly notified of such defects by the Chief Electrical

Inspector or his assistants, shall not receive any further permit until such defect or defects have been corrected. Immediately after the correction of such defect or defects the Chief Electrical Inspector shall be notified of such corrections. One inspection will be made after the notice of correction at no charge; if, however, the defects or violations have not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance, there will be a charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each compliance inspection.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to contact the electrical inspection department within ten (10) days after receiving a notice to correct a defect as required by this section.

Section 16. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the rules or regulations therein and thereby promulgated or adopted, or shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any lawful or authorized order or request of the Chief Electrical Inspector or any competent assistant of the Chief Electrical Inspector, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of between twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each and everyday's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 17. It is the intention of the governing body that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

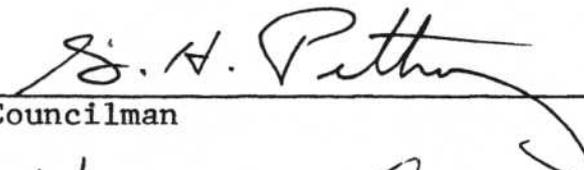
Section 18. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

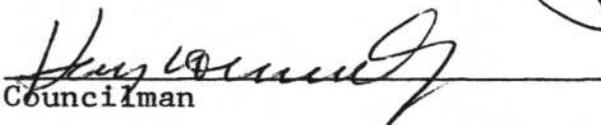
Section 19. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, that the sections, paragraphs, sentences,

clauses and phrases of this ordinance and of the National Electrical Code which this ordinance adopts by reference are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by the decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance.

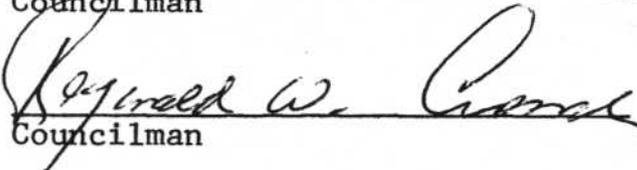
Section 20. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption by at least three (3) members of the Council of the City after two (2) readings at least one (1) week apart.

Approved on first reading on ~~January 15,~~ <sup>February 19,</sup> 1981.

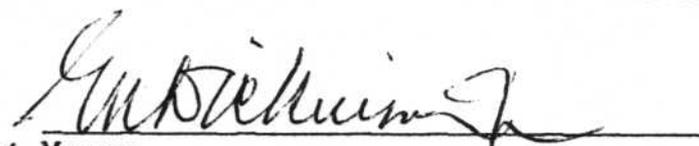
  
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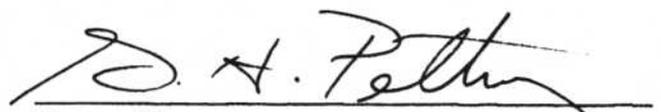
  
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ATTEST:

Carolyn J. Brooks  
City Clerk