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Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known and may be cited as the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Law.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Ulster County Legislature hereby finds that the installation, repair and improvement of electrical services and wiring in residential and commercial structures is a unique occupation requiring experience and skills not commonly required for persons performing other occupations. The improper installation, repair and improvement of electrical wiring may create hazardous conditions for occupants and the community. The Ulster County Legislature finds that the licensing of electricians is a fair and effective method to ensure that qualified persons practice the electrical trade in Ulster County in order to protect the public.

Nothing in this local law is designed to interfere with or shall be construed to interfere with (i) any existing state or local law or the industry practice relating to electrical work; (ii) authority of the local municipalities within Ulster County to issue certificates of occupancy or any permits necessary for the performance of electrical work to an electrician who has a license issued by the Electrical Licensing Board pursuant to this local law; or (iii) a homeowner from making electrical repairs to his/her residence, except as provided in Section 21 of this Local Law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this local law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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"Board" - The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board established by this local law.

"Chairman" - The Chairman of the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board.

"Class B Electrician License" - An electrical license issued to an applicant for the sole use at, and limited to, a specific facility, as an employee of that facility.

"Class C Electrician License" - An electrical license issued to an applicant for the sole purpose and limited to, work in a specific profession.

"Commissioner" - The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works of the County of Ulster.

"County Executive" - The County Executive of the County of Ulster.

"County Legislature" - The County Legislature of the County of Ulster.

"Hands-on experience" - shall mean working with tools in the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat, power and signaling purposes in or on buildings, which work shall have been done in compliance with the National Electrical Code. Hands-on experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engaging in the practice of engineering, estimating and performing other managerial tasks.

"Homeowner" - any person who owns land in Ulster County upon which there is an existing, unattached, single-family home used as such person(s), primary residence and/or where there may also be non-residential buildings used solely for the private use of such person and the title thereto being the name of such person, and/or his or her spouse, individually or jointly.

"Journeyman Electrician" - an electrician who has successfully completed a formal electrical apprenticeship program which has been registered and approved by (a) the New York State Department of Labor; (b) another state of the United States of America; or (c) the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the United States Department of Labor.

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"Master Electrician" - a person who has met all the requirements of the Electrical Licensing Board including a passing grade on the Master Electrician exam.

"Person" - an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, whether or not organized for profit.

"Provisional Electrician License"- An electrical license issued to an applicant who qualifies as per the specifications set forth in Section 17 of this Local Law.

"Shelve" - the voluntary placement by a person of his/her County of Ulster Master Electrician License in an inactive status. A person with a shelved license shall be unlicensed. This person shall not maintain, conduct, operate, advertise, engage in or transact a business as a Master Electrician in the County of Ulster.

"Violation"- shall mean an offense, as defined under Article 10 of the New York State Penal Law, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or a sentence to a term of imprisonment, not to exceed fifteen days.

SECTION 4. LICENSE REQUIRED.

On or after the effective date of this Local Law, no person shall engage in, carry on or conduct the business of, or hold himself or herself out as, an electrical contractor within the County of Ulster unless he or she is licensed pursuant to this Local Law or unless employed by a person so licensed.

SECTION 5. ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD.

A. There is hereby established in and for the County of Ulster, a Board known as the "Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board" comprised of the following nine (9) individuals who reside in Ulster County:

The Commissioner who shall be a non-voting member of the Board;
One (1) individual who is qualified as an Electrical Inspector in New York State;
One (1) member representing the licensing board of the City of Kingston;

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One (1) union contractor who shall be a licensed Master Electrician;
One (1) open shop contractor who shall be a licensed Master Electrician;
Two (2) members of the public;
One (1) County Legislator designated by the Chairman of the Legislature; and;
One (1) representative from the Association of Supervisors and Mayors of Ulster County.

B. Members of the Board, except for the Commissioner, shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. Of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two for a term of two (2) years; three for a term of three (3) years; and two for a term of five (5) years. Members may continue to serve after the expiration of their respective terms of office until their successors have been appointed and confirmed. The successors of all members of the Board thereafter shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years.

C. The Board shall elect a chair, deputy-chair and secretary from its membership annually.

D. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

E. Compensation to be paid to the members of the Board, if any, shall be determined by the County Legislature.

SECTION 6. POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The Board shall have the following powers and duties in addition to that elsewhere prescribed in this Local Law:

A. Hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings as often as necessary or required. At least twenty-four (24) hours written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board.

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B. Adopt by-laws and such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Local Law, including licensing standards not inconsistent herewith. A certified copy of such bylaws and rules and regulations shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature prior to its effective date.

C. Review qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses under this Local Law.

D. Assist in the preparation of and review standard written tests in such form as determined by the Board from time to time, based on the applicable New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and relevant reference standards provided in the Code and grade such tests in accordance with such standards.

E. Issue licenses as authorized by this Local Law to applicants possessing the requisite qualifications. Licenses shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board.

F. Issue notices of violation, appearance tickets, hear and dispose of complaints of alleged violations of this Local Law. Suspend and/or revoke licenses. Impose and collect fines and penalties. Refer violations to the County Attorney to institute legal action in the name of the County of Ulster and enjoin unlawful activity.

G. Comply with the New York State Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law & Freedom of Information Law).

H. Suspend or revoke licenses "for cause" as per Section 19.

I. Keep records of all of its meetings and proceedings and of all licenses issued, suspended or revoked and of all fines imposed.

J. Allow the Commissioner to issue notices of violations and/or appearance tickets for alleged violations of this Local Law.

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SECTION 7. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.

A. Every person seeking a Master Electrician's License in Ulster County shall make application, along with the required fee, to the Board in the form and manner prescribed by this Local Law and any rules and regulations of the Board.

B. No person shall apply for a license unless, prior to the administration of a written examination, such person satisfies the qualifications set forth herein for a Master Electrician's License.

SECTION 8. LICENSES; TERM, RENEWAL, FEES.

A. The Board may issue and renew a Master Electrician's License. Such license shall permit the licensee to engage in the business of an electrical contractor who is an owner, officer or partner of an electrical contracting business within the County of Ulster for the period of one year from the date it was issued. A Master Electrician will only be entitled to possess one (1) valid Master Electrician's License pursuant to this Local Law for any given year.

B. The license fee shall be as follows:

(i.) Residents of Ulster County - two hundred twenty-five (\$225) - for persons who:

(a) have passed the examination, or

(b) are entitled to a temporary license under Section 17 or

(c) can be issued a license under Section 16 (Grandfather Clause);

(ii.) Residents of New York State - seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars;

(iii.) Non-residents of New York State - one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars.

C. The license fee for a Class B and Class C license issued in accordance with this Local Law shall be two hundred (\$200) dollars.

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D. Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable check or money order representing the fee as determined by the Board for administration of the examination.

E. Renewal. All licenses issued under this Local Law must be renewed annually on or before the expiration thereof for the period of one (1) year upon payment of the applicable annual fee set forth below:

(i) Master Electrician's License: one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for residents of New York State and three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars for nonresidents of New York State.

(ii) Class B or Class C Licenses: fifty (\$50).

F. Each application for renewal of a license must also be accompanied by proof that the individual has successfully completed a refresher course on changes to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.

G. Licensed Master Electricians who are not actively engaged in the business of Master Electrician may shelve such a license for a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars per year.

H. Failure of a licensed Master Electrician to renew such license after fifteen (15) days of the expiration date shall result in a penalty of fifty (\$50) dollars. If renewal is not received within thirty (30) days from the expiration date, it shall result in revocation of the license unless, upon good cause shown, an additional thirty-day extension is granted by the Board.

I. Each Master Electrician duly licensed under this local law shall list his or her license number in each advertisement, estimate, bill or contract and post such license number at each job and prominently display it on the electrical (license decal issued by the Board on each vehicle while in the course of said licensee's trade or business. One decal shall be provided free of charge upon the issuance of a license hereunder. A fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be charged for each additional decal needed to comply with the provisions contained herein. Said decals shall include the words "Ulster County" and "electric" or "electrical", which must be clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet.

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J. The fee for a Master Electrician's License, "Certificate of Name Change" after initial issuance of Master Electrician's License shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). A "Certificate of Name Change" shall only be issued to a qualified person as required by this Local Law who is also the owner, officer, or partner of an electrical contracting business.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSE REQUIREMENT.

This local law shall not apply to:

A. Persons engaged solely in selling or solely in the attachment of ordinary electric appliances to existing circuits where no jointing or splicing of electrical conductors are required;

B. The installation, maintenance or repair of elevators, dumbwaiters and escalators;

C. The repair of heating systems;

D. Any work involved in the manufacture, assembly, test or repair of electrical machinery, apparatus, materials and equipment by a person, firm or corporation engaged in electrical manufacturing as his principal business; and

E. Persons employed by public service companies authorized to do business in the State of New York;

F. Homeowners engaged in the installation, maintenance, replacement and/or improvement of electrical work in their primary unattached single family residence which is greater than one year old. Replacement shall not include replacement of the entire electrical service on such residence. All such work must comply with local municipal building permit requirements. To the extent that a building permit is required, such electrical work must be inspected by a certified electrical inspector as defined under Section 22 of this local law. No homeowner shall engage in:

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(i) the construction and installation of electrical wiring for any electrical equipment in or adjacent to all swimming pools, (in-ground or above ground), hydro massage bathtubs, fountains, hot tubs, spas and wading, therapeutic and decorative pools as is covered under Article 680 of the National Electric Code in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.

(ii) the installation of permanently or temporarily installed generators required to be grounded or bonded by either a standby or manual transfer switch into the electrical system under Articles 250 or 702 of the National Electric Code in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.

SECTION 10. APPLICATIONS.

Every person desiring a license as a Master Electrician under this local law and who meets the qualifications set forth herein shall apply for a license in such form and detail as the Board may prescribe. Such application shall state, among other things:

1. Name, home and business address;
2. Telephone number;
3. Social security number and employer identification numbers;
4. Valid passport photos for identification;
5. A statement of all qualified work experience and education, setting forth names, addresses and descriptions of work performed or degrees attained, and dates of employment or attendance;
6. A statement of whether the applicant was licensed under any other law, where such license is currently valid, whether such license was ever suspended, revoked or other action taken and, if so, the disposition thereof;
7. A statement of whether the applicant was ever convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic infraction, and if so, the disposition thereof;
8. An authorization to the Board to investigate the facts set forth in the application as required to make a determination as to the person's qualifications for an electrical license;
9. A statement that such application is made under penalties of perjury

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SECTION 11. QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES.

To qualify for the examination, all applicants must possess a minimum of seven (7) years of experience in the installation, alteration, and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling in or on buildings under the requirements of the National Electrical Code as required by the New York State Department of State, Division of Code Enforcement and Administration and/or any municipal codes within the United States which equal or exceed the requirements of the National Electrical Code. The Board must compute an applicant's years of experience as follows:

A. Completion of a four-year apprenticeship program approved by both a Federal agency and a Federally-certified State agency and has worked at least two (2) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. A Certificate of Completion issued by the apprenticeship program and a certification by an employer regarding the additional two (2) years of hands-on work experience shall be submitted with the application for the electrical license examination; or

B. A journeyman electrician who has worked at least two (2) years as a journeyman with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit proof of having satisfied the definition of a qualified journeyman electrician and a certification by an employer regarding the additional two (2) years of hands-on work experience; or

C. A graduate engineer of a college or university who holds a degree of electrical engineering, master engineering or Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and has in addition worked at least three (3) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her diploma and a certification by an employer regarding the additional three (3) years of hands-on work experience; or

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D. A high school or equivalent who is a graduate of a vocational, industrial or trade school in electric wiring, installation and design or applied electricity, and has worked at least six (6) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her diploma or equivalency diploma and a certification by an employer regarding the additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience; or

E. A person who attended courses in a college or university leading to a degree in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering or mechanical engineering, who passed all subjects in the required courses shall be credited with practical experience equal to fifty (50%) percent of the number of curriculum years he has satisfactorily completed which, in no event, however, shall exceed one (1) year's credit of practical experience, and an additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience must have been obtained by working with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her school transcripts and a certification by an employer regarding the additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience; or

F. A person who worked in the field of electrical contracting for at least seven (7) years immediately preceding the date of application. The applicant shall submit a certification by an employer regarding the additional seven (7) years of hands-on work experience. A year of practical hands-on experience shall be credited if such person was employed in a part-time capacity and the hand on experience was completed within a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

SECTION 12. OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.

A person who applies for a Master Electrician's License must prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she is a competent electrician and qualified to do electrical contracting, construction and installation of electrical wiring; has a working knowledge of electricity and the natural laws, properties and functions of electricity and of appliances, apparatus, materials, devices for electric, light, heat, power and

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signaling systems used and required in such work, combined with a practical working knowledge of the requirements and provisions of the National Electrical Code and a knowledge of the provisions of this local law and the rules and regulations of the Board and the State of New York, if any, and of the County of Ulster for installation of electrical wiring, devices, appliances and equipment and of the provisions thereof requiring permits therefor.

SECTION 13. EXAMINATIONS.

A. All applicants for a Master Electrician's License must submit to and pass an examination. Examinations shall be in writing or in such form as determined by the Board from time to time. An applicant must receive a grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or more to pass the examination. A complete record of every examination given shall be kept on file for three (3) years after the date of the examination. Examinations shall be held at such times and places as the Board may fix.

B. The applicant must present himself for examination at the time and place specified in a notice from the Board.

C. An applicant who fails his or her first examination shall not be eligible for reexamination until the next regularly scheduled exam. A person who fails the examination twice shall not be eligible for further reexamination until at least six (6) months have elapsed from the date he or she last took the examination.

SECTION 14. APROVAL OR DENIAL OF LICENSE.

A. Upon meeting all the requirements of this Local Law, the Board shall direct the Chairman and Secretary to issue a Master Electrician's License to the applicant. The individual's name shall then be placed on the Ulster County list of qualified Master Electricians.

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B. Failure to pass the exam with a passing grade of *seventy-five* (75%) percent or more, or to meet the qualifications and other requirements set forth herein, shall be summary grounds for denial of a license under this Local Law.

SECTION 15. DENIAL OF LICENSES; HEARINGS.

A. If the Board shall deny a license the Board shall set forth the reasons for such denial in writing and mail it to the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested within ten (10) business days after a determination has been made by the Board. Failure of the written examination shall be grounds for summary denial of a license. Within thirty (30) business days after the date of mailing such notice of denial, the applicant may, by written request, seek a hearing to review the determination of the Board. All such hearings shall be held and conducted in accordance with the attached Regulations for Adjudicatory proceedings.

B. No application shall be denied on the grounds that the applicant was convicted of a crime, except in accordance with Article 23A of the Corrections Law.

SECTION 16. GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.

A. Any person possessing a certified copy of a Master Electrician's License issued by Kingston, which was valid and effective as of the date of the adoption of this Local Law and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than two (2) years from the date of the adoption of this Local Law shall be entitled to an Ulster County license without examination.

B. Any person who can show proof that he or she has been in business as an electrical contractor continuously and competently doing the work of a Master Electrician in Ulster County for at least eleven (11) consecutive years prior to the date of the adoption of this Local Law and this work is a principal source of livelihood for that person, and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than two (2) years from the date of the adoption of this Local

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Law shall be entitled to a Master Electrician's License without examination, which will not apply in the city of Kingston, where an examination has been a requirement.

C. Any person who is issued a Master Electrician's License under this Grandfather Clause may renew said license annually on or before the expiration of the license upon payment of an annual renewal fee.

D. If a person is issued a Master Electrician's License under this Section, such person may renew his or her license for an additional fee without taking the written examination only if:

(a) he or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as a Master Electrician under the supervision of a licensed Master Electrician since the issuance of his or her last valid Master Electrician's License; or

(b) he or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as an inspector of electrical work; or

(c) he or she has not been actively or continuously engaged in work as a Master Electrician during the past two years but can provide proof acceptable to the Board that he or she has recently participated in a continuing education course updating his or her knowledge of the work of a Master Electrician.

E. If a person fails to apply for a license under the Grandfather Clause of this local law within five (5) years of enactment of this local law, then said person must comply with all the other requirements contained in this local law in order to receive an Ulster County Master Electrician's License.

SECTION 17. PROVISIONAL MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE.

A person who has been in the electrical business in Ulster County, continuously and competently doing the work of a Master Electrician, for a period of less than eleven (11) consecutive years but more than seven (7) consecutive years, prior to the date of the adoption of this Local Law can apply to the Board for a Provisional Master Electrician's License. Upon completion of eleven (11) consecutive years of successfully and competently performing electrical work in Ulster County, such

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person may apply to the Board for a Master Electrician's License under Section 16 (Grandfather Clause) of this local law.

SECTION 18. NO TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSE; DESIGNATION AND TERMINATION OF SUPERVISOR, NAME CHANGE, DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

A. No license issued hereunder shall be assignable or transferable.

B. Each license issued hereunder shall specify the name of the person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, who or which shall be known as the "holder of the license." The license of an electrical contractor shall specify the name of the person who is the Master Electrician, and such person shall be designated in the license of an electrical contractor as the supervisor of all work to be done under the license.

C. In the event that the business association of the supervisor of the work, or the employment of the supervisor of the work by the electrical contractor shall terminate, the supervisor of the work shall notify the Board of such fact forthwith and upon notification the license shall no longer be licensed pursuant to the Local Law.

D. All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall be in such form and of such color and shall contain such information as may be prescribed by the Board.

E. Each license shall at all times be kept conspicuously displayed in the place of business of the licensee.

SECTION 19. IMPOSITION OF FINES; REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

A Master Electrician may be fined or his or her license refused, suspended or revoked by the Board for anyone (1) or more of the following reasons:

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1. Violation of any provision of this local law or of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder by the Board or any other law or ordinance pertaining to electricians;
2. Violation of any law, rule, regulation or any building code governing electrical work, or any order issued by building departments of any municipality in Ulster County;
3. Violation of any requirement contained in the rules and regulations of the National Fire Protection Association or the National Electrical Code;
4. Conviction of a crime by a court of competent jurisdiction where there is a direct relationship between the crime and the specific license sought; or the issuance of the license would invoke an unreasonable risk to the property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public;
5. Fraud, misrepresentation or bribery in securing a license;
6. The making of any false statement as to a material matter in any application for a license or name change;
7. The business transactions of the Master Electrician have been marked by a practice of failure to perform contracts or the fraudulent manipulation of assets or accounts;
8. Failure to display the license decal issued under this Local Law;
9. Maintaining, conducting, operating, advertising, engaging in or transacting a business as a Master Electrician in the County of Ulster with a shelved license; or
10. Employing an unlicensed subcontractor or subcontractors to perform electrical work or any combination thereof in the County of Ulster.

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SECTION 20. PENALTY FOR OFFENSES.

A. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Local Law shall constitute a Violation and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or imprisonment not to exceed fifteen days.

B. The Commissioner, and/or his or her designee, shall have the authority to issue violations and/or appearance tickets as they are defined in this local law and Article 150 of the Criminal Procedure Law.

C. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Commissioner from proceeding to enforce by both Criminal and Civil Action the requirements of this Local Law.

D. The Board may withhold the issuance of a license, either new or renewed, to any person who has failed to pay any fine imposed pursuant to the provisions of this Local Law.

E. Nothing in this Local Law shall prevent a local municipality or law enforcement agency from initiating independent proceedings against a Master Electrician or any other person who has violated any other law.

F. Prior to the imposition of any fine or penalty or the refusal, revocation or suspension of a Master Electrician's License, the applicant or licensee shall receive in writing, all the particulars of the alleged violation and shall have an opportunity to present his or her defense at adjudicatory proceeding as set forth in the attached regulations.

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SECTION 21. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE; INSURANCE.

A. This Local Law shall not be construed to relieve, limit or reduce the responsibility of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for loss of life or damage to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the County of Ulster be deemed to have assumed any such liability by reason of any license issued pursuant to this Local Law.

B. Every person holding a license shall submit proof to the Board that he or she maintains liability, workers compensation and disability insurance for damage to persons and property in connection with the carrying on of his business as a Master Electrician in such amounts as shall be established by the Board from time to time.

C. The failure to maintain an insurance policy or file proof of coverage shall be grounds for the summary suspension of such person's license under this local law, which suspension shall continue in effect until coverage is obtained or reinstated.

SECTION 22. INSTALLATION STANDARDS; EVIDENCE OF PROPER INSTALLATION.

A. All installations of, extensions to and alterations of electrical work within the County of Ulster shall conform to the National Electrical Code and of any other applicable statute, ordinance or building code pertaining thereto and shall also be in conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property. In every case where no specific type of class of material or no specific standards are prescribed by law, conformity with the regulations and requirements contained in the applicable New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the relevant reference standards provided by that code contained in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State shall be prima facie evidence of conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property.

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B. Inspections made and the certificates of approval or permits issued by a certified electrical inspector approved by the local municipality having jurisdiction over building permits for such electrical installation in the County of Ulster shall be deemed by the Board as evidence of proper installations. A certified electrical inspector shall be an individual who has met the minimum qualifications as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association and who has also received certifications by a nationally recognized inspection certification program.

SECTION 23. RECIPROCAL LICENSING.

A. The Legislature may authorize the County Executive to enter into reciprocal license agreements with individual municipalities or other jurisdictions within New York State upon the recommendation and finding of the Board that the qualifications required for a Master Electrician's License in such municipality or jurisdiction are equal to or greater than those required by this Local Law.

B. Pursuant to such formalized reciprocal license agreements, the Board shall be authorized to issue reciprocal licenses upon such terms and conditions as are applicable to the individual reciprocating municipalities and other jurisdictions. Said licenses may be granted without examination upon application to the Board and payment of all required fees.

C. However, a reciprocal master electrician's license shall only be issued if the municipality or jurisdiction which licensed such individual is similarly issuing a reciprocal license to individuals licensed pursuant to this section. Said licenses may be granted without examination upon the filing of an application with the Board, submission of a certificate from the reciprocating municipality or jurisdiction that the individual requesting such license is in good standing, the payment of all required fees and such other and further terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate.

D. Reciprocal master electricians license shall only be valid for a period of one year and may only be renewed from year to year if there is reciprocity between the County of Ulster and the reciprocating municipality or jurisdiction at the time of each such renewal.

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E. The initial fee for a reciprocal master electrician's license shall be \$500.00 and may be renewed annually on or before the expiration thereof for the period of one (1) year upon payment of the below applicable annual fee of \$200.

SECTION 24. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obviate the necessity of procuring a permit for electrical work whenever required by statute, local law, resolution, building code or ordinance of the municipality wherein such work is to be performed. No permit for construction or certificate of approval or certificate of occupancy shall be issued by a municipality in the County of Ulster if there has been an installation, erection, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices, appliances or equipment in violation of the licensing requirements contained herein.

SECTION 25. DISPOSITION OF MONEY RECEIVED.

All fees, fines and penalties imposed in accordance with this Local Law shall be turned over to the Commissioner of Finance by the Board in accordance with Ulster County's financial procedures and such moneys shall be deposited in the General Fund of Ulster County.

SECTION 26. CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Local Law shall operate to restrict the meaning of or diminish or impair any power granted to a local government by the constitution or any other law.

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SECTION 27. SEVERABILITY.

If any part of this Local Law, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be judged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the parts of the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect January 1, 2020.