

VILLAGE OF GODFREY

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OF THE

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MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WHEREAS the Village of Godfrey maintains a Revised Code of Ordinances which contains in part Chapter 18, Article IV, entitled "Electrical Code", which currently sets forth the language adopted from national and international electric codes within the Village; and

WHEREAS the Village desires to amend Chapter 18, Article IV, to add sections to the Electrical Code regarding revisions, inspections, permits, licensing and other related matters specific to the Village of Godfrey; and

WHEREAS, after considerable deliberation and thought, the Village Trustees deem it to be in the best interest of the Village of Godfrey to amend the Village Code in the manner set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GODFREY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT: The following shall, as indicated, amend Chapter 18, Article IV, Section 18-93 through Section 18-120, of the Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Godfrey, Illinois, known as the Electrical Code, which shall hereafter read as follows:

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

§ 18-93. Purpose

This Electrical Code is adopted to ensure the protection and safety of residents and property in the Village of Godfrey from the potential dangers associated with electrical installations and any person doing business as an electrical contractor that does not have the skills or knowledge to properly complete electrical work.

§ 18-94. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of performing major electrical work as defined below, not including radio apparatus or equipment for wireless reception of sounds and signals, and not including common carriers, which are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission, for use in their operations as public utilities.

LICENSED CONTRACTOR means a contractor granted permission by a competent authority to engage in a business or occupation.

MAJOR ELECTRICAL WORK means the addition of a subpanel to an existing electrical service (i.e. a residential basement is finished, an accessory building is supplied with electrical service, a building addition is supplied with electricity); permanent installation of a backup home generator; the addition of solar panels/array; any work that requires removal of the electric meter; etc.

MINOR ELECTRICAL WORK means replacement/installation of outlets located inside the building, switches, lamp holders, light fixtures, fractional horsepower motors, and/or any alteration to the existing electrical service that does not involve major electrical work as defined above.

QUALIFIED PERSON means one familiar with the construction and operation of the equipment and the hazards involved.

§ 18-95. Penalties.

- (a) Any person, firm, company or corporation, whether as principal agent, employees, or otherwise, who shall violate, disobey, omit, neglect, refuse to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter or of any of the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code or shall fail to comply therewith or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such an order as may be affirmed or modified on appeal or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time duly fixed for compliance or who shall make installations or repairs in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued hereunder shall for each and every such violation and non-compliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as defined in 65 ILCS 5/11-37-4.
- (b) The application of any penalty shall not be held to prohibit the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

§. 18-96—18-99. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Subdivision I. General Provisions

§ 18-100. Electrical Inspections.

- (a) *Department of Building and Zoning.* The Village's Department of Building and Zoning shall have the responsibility to inspect all permitted electrical work within the Village of Godfrey. The electrical inspector shall be familiar with the National Electrical Code currently adopted by the Village.
- (b) *Duties and power of the electrical inspector*
 - (1) The electrical inspector shall be charged with the duties of enforcing the rules and regulations, fixing standards and specifications for the regulation and use of electrical equipment as defined in this article pertaining to the electrical code, and prescribed in any other ordinance of the Village of Godfrey. The electrical inspector shall have the

authority to review, inspect and approve all electrical drawings, specifications, installations and equipment. The items covered are all electrically controlled devices, including signal, communicating and lighting systems and their wiring, whenever required, shall be shown on the plans and elevations of the building or structure with respect to those uses covered by the Village's Building Code. Where required by local law or ordinance, the plans and specifications for electric wiring shall be approved by all authorities having jurisdiction.

- (2) The electrical regulations of this code may be modified or waived where such modification or waiver is specifically permitted by the code or in particular cases where an advancement in the technology of electricity makes such modification or waiver advisable. Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.), or any other Nationally Recognized Testing Lab may be accepted as prima facie evidence of acceptability.
- (3) The electrical inspector shall have the authority, during reasonable working hours and with reasonable notice, to enter upon any premises or into any building or structure or portion thereof for the purpose of making any inspection of permitted work.

§ 18-101. Appeals.

If any person shall deem themselves aggrieved by any decision, finding, interpretation or order of the electrical inspector made pursuant to this division, such person shall have the right of appeal therefrom to the Building and Zoning Administrator in accordance with procedures as shall be applicable. The board of trustees shall have authority to affirm, overrule or modify such interpretation, finding, decision or order of the Building and Zoning Administrator.

§ 18-102. Stop Work Orders.

The electrical inspector is hereby authorized to issue and post stop work orders to stop work on any building, structures, or premises when work is being done without a permit, when false or incomplete information has been given to obtain a permit, when a permit has been issued but the payment has been refused by the permittee's bank, when work is being prosecuted contrary to the provision of this code or other applicable village ordinance, or when permitted work is being done with an inherent risk to safety.

§ 18-103. Appeals Procedures.

- (a) The Building and Zoning Administrator shall provide an owner of a building or structure or electrical contractor an avenue to appeal a decision of the electrical inspector. The application for appeal may be made when it is claimed that: the intent of the standards and specifications applicable thereto legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the standards and specifications applicable thereto do not apply, or any equally good or better form of electrical installation can be used.
- (b) Any person still aggrieved after the decision made by the Building and Zoning Administrator can elect to appeal the Building and Zoning Administrator's decision to the Village Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting by providing written notice to the Village Clerk.

- (c) Any person still aggrieved after a decision made by the Village Board of Trustees on appeal may challenge the decision of the Village in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Illinois within thirty-five (35) days after the Village Board of Trustees' decision has been promulgated.

§ 18-104—18-105. Reserved.

Subdivision II. Permits, Inspections and Approvals

§ 18-106. Electrical Permits.

- (a) Permits shall be required for all major electrical work; new and temporary electrical services; the addition of a subpanel; installation of new exterior wiring; alterations of the electrical service including the permanent installation of a generator, solar panels, or any other alteration which requires the removal and replacement of the electric meter and/or service panel. Permits shall not be required for minor electrical work as defined above.
- (b) The provisions for inspection of work authorized by electrical permits issued by the department of Building and Zoning shall not be construed as prohibiting the inspection of any electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment, either revised or original, now or whenever installed if it directly affects or is directly affected by the permitted work. If the inspection reveals deficiencies or unsafe conditions, the owner or responsible person shall correct and/or replace any defective electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment. Defective electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment shall not be energized under any conditions until the necessary repairs or replacements have been made. A separate electrical permit will be required and inspections will be made of the corrected work.
- (c) Exemptions to the permit requirements of this section are as follows: property owners of record in the Village of Godfrey requesting an electrical permit to be issued in their name to do electrical work on their own property shall not be required to register as an electrical contractor. The property owner assumes any and all responsibility and liability for the work performed which shall be done according to the National Electrical Code in effect at the time and adopted by the Village. The property owner shall be the only person approved to do electrical work on his or her property other than a "registered contractor" as defined in section 18-112 et seq.

§ 18-107. Permit Fees and Display.

- (a) *Fees.* Fees for the electrical permits required under this subdivision shall be as established by the Village Board of Trustees. Fees shall be posted on the Village's website and posted at the office of Building and Zoning.
- (b) *Payment.* All fees provided for in this section shall be paid to the village before a permit is issued.
- (c) *Display.* Each permit shall be posted on the jobsite so as to be seen from the street or accessible area.

§ 18-108. Inspections, re-inspections and certification of inspections.

- (a) *Inspection/Reinspection and Final Inspection of electrical installations and/or equipment.* All installations or alterations of electrical equipment requiring an electrical permit shall be inspected before any of the work is hidden from view or concealed in any way. The person, firm, company or corporation doing the work shall notify the department of Building and Zoning that the work is ready for inspection at least one business day in advance and schedule an electrical inspection at a mutually agreeable time and date.
- (b) *Issuance of certificate of inspection.* No certificate of inspection approval shall be issued unless the electrical installation and equipment is in conformity with the provisions of all electrical ordinances, the code requirements of the Village of Godfrey and the Statutes of the State of Illinois including applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code as adopted by the Village Board of Trustees.
- (c) *Village liability.* The inspections and control of the installation of electrical equipment or the granting of inspection certificates by the Village of Godfrey, shall not make the village liable on account of such control of or granting of such certificates, or lessen the liability of persons, firms, company or corporation owning or installing such electrical equipment.

§ 18-109—18-110. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Subdivision I. General Provisions

§ 18-111. Reserved.

Subdivision II. Registration

§ 18-112. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of electrical contractor without being registered as an electrical contractor in the Village of Godfrey in the manner set forth in this subdivision; provided, however, that if such person is currently registered or licensed in any other municipality in Illinois and based upon the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) currently adopted by the Village of Godfrey, then such person shall not be required to take and pass the examination as described herein. Any other municipality or government agency in Illinois which has granted registration or licensing to a contractor based on a more recent version of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) shall be considered to have met the requirements for registration by the Village of Godfrey.

§ 18-113. Application and Issuance.

Application for an electrical contractor's registration shall be made in writing on a form provided by the village and submitted to the Department of Building and Zoning stating the name and place of business of the applicant and who will act as supervisor of the work to be done under the certificate. Certificates of registration shall be issued in accordance with section 18-117 or section 18-118, as applicable.

§ 18-114. Revocation.

Registration certificates issued by the department of Building and Zoning shall not be loaned, rented, assigned, transferred or altered in any way. Each and every registration certificate may, after hearing, be suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Village Board of Trustees upon failure or refusal of the electrical contractor to comply with the provisions of this article.

§ 18-115. Fee.

There shall be no fee for registration as an electrical contractor. The certificate of registration shall expire on December 31 of the year in which it is issued.

§ 18-116. Renewal.

The electrical contractor may renew the registration certificate as indicated in section 18-115 if no changes regarding business location or supervisor has occurred. If changes are to occur, or have occurred, a new application shall be required within thirty (30) days of the change. Permits shall not be issued until all information regarding registration has been made current.

§ 18-117. Examination Requirements.

- (a) Before an electrical contractor's certificate of registration shall be issued, the applicant shall have received a passing score from an independent testing organization designated by the department of Building and Zoning. A copy of such passing results shall be provided with the application.
- (b) The department of Building and Zoning shall provide contact information and instructions for the independent testing organization designated by the department of Building and Zoning to be used by the applicant to schedule the required exam in person or online. Any fees charged by the independent testing organization shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

§ 18-118. Reciprocity.

Should the applicant already possess an electrical license or registration from another municipality or government agency located in Illinois with equal or more stringent requirements, the exam requirement stated in section 18-117 shall be waived upon documentation being provided by the applicant stating thus. All other requirements for obtaining and renewing registration from the Village of Godfrey shall be satisfied.

Secs. 18-119 - 18-120. Reserved.

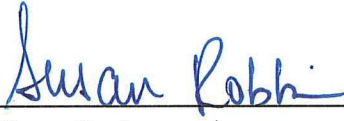
SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS: Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 3: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: Any conflicting ordinances, code provisions or pertinent portions thereof in effect at the time this ordinance takes effect are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance and the penalty provisions herein shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed this 7th day of November, 2023 by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Godfrey, Madison County, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.



Village Clerk,
Godfrey, Illinois

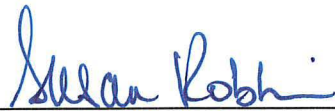
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Jeffery Weber	X				
Karen McAtee	X				
Rick Lauschke		X			
Sarah Woodman	X				
Mike Fisher	X				
Craig Lombardi	X				

Approved by the President of the Village of Godfrey, Madison County, Illinois, this 7th day of November, 2023.



MICHAEL J. MCCORMICK, PRESIDENT
GODFREY, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:



SUSAN ROBBINS, VILLAGE CLERK
GODFREY, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MADISON) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE
VILLAGE OF GODFREY)

I, Susan Robbins, Village Clerk of the Village of Godfrey, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Godfrey, Madison County, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Godfrey, Illinois, approved by the Village President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, as passed, approved, and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Village of Godfrey, Illinois, this 7th day of November, 2023.

(SEAL)