

CHAPTER 17 ELECTRICAL CODE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE

1. Adoption of National Electrical Code

There is hereby adopted for the purpose of regulating all new design, construction and installation of electrical conductors, equipment and systems and all alterations to existing wiring systems within the Town of Freeport the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code as amended by the State of Maine Electrician Examining Board, and as published by the National Fire Protection Association (the "Code"). One (1) copy of the Code will be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk available for public use, inspection and examination during normal working hours. The provisions of the Code shall govern all electrical work within the Town of Freeport, except that the administrative provisions of this Ordinance shall control in the event of conflict with the Code. The Code is adopted by reference pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3003.

2. Permit Required

No person shall commence any electrical work of the type described in Section 1. above without first obtaining the required permit from the Codes Enforcement Officer and paying the permit fee established by the Town Council. Application shall be made on a form provided by the Codes Enforcement Officer, and the applicant shall present his license to the Codes Enforcement Officer at the time the application and fee are tendered.

In accordance with Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 1102-D, a person may make an electrical installation in a newly constructed single-family dwelling that is occupied by that person and used solely as a single-family dwelling, or will be occupied by that person as the person's bona fide personal abode and used solely as a single family home, as long as the electrical installations conform to the Code and as long as the person obtains a permit from the Codes Enforcement Officer and pays the permit fee established by the Town Council.

3. Fees

Upon application for a permit under the Code, the applicant shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Town Council, as such may be amended by the Town Council from time to time.

4. Electrical Inspector

Inspections under this Ordinance shall be performed by an Electrical Inspector, appointed pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4171 by the Town Manager and serving as an assistant to the Codes Enforcement Officer. The Electrical Inspector shall hold a valid Masters Electrical License issued by the State of Maine.

5. Inspection Required

No person shall install insulation over or otherwise cover any electrical work for which a permit is required under the Code until the Electrical Inspector has inspected and approved the work. Upon inspection, the Electrical Inspector shall either approve the work in writing or disapprove the work in writing with all violations of the Code noted. The Electrical Inspector shall post the results of his

inspection on the job site and submit copies to the Codes Enforcement Officer within twenty-four (24) hours after completing the inspection. Where the work is disapproved, the Electrical Inspector shall advise the applicant that the work can be reinspected upon completion in accordance with the Code and upon the payment of a reinspection fee in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Town Council.

6. Connections Must Be Approved

No person shall connect electrical service to or cause electrical service to be connected to any building, structure or property on which electrical work governed by the Code has been performed until the permit required by this Ordinance has been obtained, the Electrical Inspector has inspected the work and the Electrical Inspector has approved the work under the provision of this Ordinance.

The Electrical Inspector shall have the authority, whenever in his/her opinion the public safety requires it, to direct any person using or operating any wires to shut off the electric current for such period of time as he/she may deem necessary. The Electrical Inspector shall have authority in case of any emergency to have the current shut off in such wires that he/she knows or believes to be dangerous to life or property.

7. Violation Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall commit a civil violation and shall be subject to fines and penalties as provided in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

8. Board of Appeals

Appeals from any decision, order, or interpretation of the Codes Enforcement Officer or the Electrical Inspector under this ordinance may be taken to the Board of Appeals as an administrative appeal pursuant to the provisions of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance.