

Introduced August 14th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded by
Councilman Martin

Item Number 79-8-86

Amendments B-D, dated
September 25th, 1979
Amendments F-H, dated
October 9th, 1979

ORDINANCE NO. 1206
ELECTRICAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Section 7-4 of the Slidell Code of Ordinance and regulating the installation, replacement and repair of electrical wiring systems in the City of Slidell, providing for and creating the Board of Electrical Examiners, providing for a City Inspector, setting forth his powers and duties, providing for issuance of permits, collection of fees, examination for licenses, issuance of licenses therefor; providing certain restrictions and standards; providing penalties for violation thereof and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

SECTION 1. THE SCOPE. The purpose of this Code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the quality of materials, use and maintenance of all electrical work. Where in any specific case different sections of the City Electrical Code specify different materials, methods of installation or other requirements, the most restrictive shall apply. Where there is a question as to interpretation, the decision of the Electrical Inspector shall stand.

SECTION 2. BOARD MEMBERS. The Board of Electrical Examiners of the City consists of the City Electrical Inspector and five (5) persons appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE. The City Inspector shall serve throughout his term of employment by the City. The term of office for the five (5) other members shall be five (5) years with staggered terms. The first appointments shall be for shorter durations to achieve that staggering.

All members may be reappointed by the Mayor. All members shall be a resident of the Parish of St. Tammany and his membership shall automatically be vacated if he moves outside the limits of the Parish. Any member may be removed for cause by the Mayor.

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2 At the first board meeting of the year, the members shall elect a
3 chairman and other necessary officers. The board shall meet once each quarter
4 of the calendar year or at the call of the chairman, or any two members of the
5 board.
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10 SECTION 4. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. No one may be licensed as an
11 electrician in the City of Slidell without having first passed an examination
12 given by the Board of Electrical Examiners. This shall not apply to those
13 already licensed.
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18 1. All applications for examination shall be taken by the City
19 Inspector. The examination itself will be given in the presence of at least
20 one of the board members and shall be graded by at least two of the board members.
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24 2. Applications for examination must be submitted fifteen (15)
25 working days prior to the date of examination. The application shall include
26 such information as may be required by the board to show that the applicant meets
27 the qualifications for issuing a license. A financial statement may be required.
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32 3. The examination shall consist of three (3) parts, rated as follows:

- 33 a. 40% installation (commercial)
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35 b. 40% installation (residential)
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37 c. 20% code
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40 Applicants shall be required to obtain a minimum of 70% to pass the
41 examination.
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44 4. To apply for a license, a person must meet the following requirements:

45 a. An applicant for license must have at least five (5) years
46 experience in the electrical construction industry as a working electrician for
47 a licensed electrical contractor, or shall be a graduate of a licensed trade
48 school in the electrical building trades with three (3) years experience in the
49 electrical construction industry as a working electrician for a licensed electrical
50 contractor, or have a degree in electrical engineering from an accredited college
51 and at least one (1) year practical experience as an electrician in the building
52 trade for a licensed electrical contractor. In all cases, a minimum of one (1)
53 year must be shown as a full Journeyman electrician in the construction trade only.
54 Letters of reference shall be submitted attesting to the applicant's experience
55 and character.
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2 b. Applicants who pass the examination and receive the electrical
3 license must, within thirty (30) days after receiving the license, establish a
4 place of business and have someone in attendance during regular business hours
5 or have an answering service.
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9 c. Person or persons in employ by a licensed electrical firm are
10 not required to have an electrical license. Their installations and duties are
11 the responsibility of the employer (or holder of the license) and he is subject
12 to any penalties or fines for any deficiency in workmanship by his employees.
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15 SECTION 5. EXAMINATION FEES. The fee for each initial examination
16 shall be \$25.00 if it is conducted at a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.
17 Special examination fees will be \$100.00.
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20 SECTION 6. LICENSE FEES, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL. Licenses shall be
21 renewed without further examination. Exceptions: If license is not renewed
22 by March 1st, re-examination will be required.
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25 SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF FEES. The examination and re-examination fees
26 and renewal fees shall be paid to the City Permit Office.
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29 SECTION 8. FAILURE TO PASS EXAMINATION. In the event the applicant
30 fails to pass the examination, he shall be permitted to apply for further
31 examination after ninety (90) days have expired from the date of the previous
32 examination. There shall be no limit as to the number of examinations a person
33 shall be allowed to undergo. If a review of a test is requested in writing, a
34 full quorum of the board must be present for the review.
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37 SECTION 9. APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT. No person shall engage in the
38 profession of electrician or accept or perform any job for the installation,
39 alteration, extension, repair or replacement of any electrical system without
40 having previously obtained a license from the City.
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43 It shall be unlawful to proceed with the installation of any electrical
44 system, with the alteration, extension or replacement of such system, without
45 having previously obtained a permit from the City for such work. Applications
46 for permits shall be made in person or in writing to the City, giving such
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48 accordance with the provisions of the Slidell Electric Code.
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2 It shall be the duty of the Electrical Inspector to see that the work
3 which is being done and which required a permit under the provisions of the
4 Slidell Electric Code is authorized by such a permit, and where such work is
5 being done without a permit, to promptly stop all such work and report the
6 fact to the Permit Office.
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9 The Electrical Inspector shall have the authority to set such inspections
10 as he deems necessary to insure that installations are performed according to
11 the Slidell Electric Code. He shall have the authority to stop the concealing
12 of wires, devices or fixtures that have not been inspected or have not been
13 installed according to the Slidell Electric Code. He shall have such other
14 power as may be necessary to properly inspect installations to assure they
15 meet the Slidell Electric Code.
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18 Before a person, firm or corporation shall proceed with an electrical
19 installation, he shall file a request for a permit with the City and pay the
20 fees established by the City Council which are due and payable upon application
21 for permits.
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24 These fees shall cover all inspections of the work for which a permit
25 is issued, as well as the issuance of the certificate of inspection. If, however,
26 the Inspector is forced to make an additional trip or trips to the work by reason
27 of the fact that the work is not ready for inspection at the time he calls in or
28 code violations are discovered, then additional re-inspection fees, as set by
29 the City Council, shall be paid for each trip so made.
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32 SECTION 10. NOTIFICATION. Upon completion of the installation of an
33 electrical system, the alteration, replacement, or extension of such a system,
34 it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation to notify the Electrical
35 Inspector or Permit Office, either verbally or in writing, who shall inspect
36 the same within forty-eight (48) hours of time such notice shall have been given,
37 weekends and holidays not included. However, any person, firm or corporation
38 challenging the Electrical Inspector or Permit Office on the time, must have
39 submitted their request for inspection in writing.
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42 Whenever any work for which a permit is required under the provisions
43 of this ordinance has been commenced without the authorization or in violation
44 of a code, an investigation fee shall be collected. When the final permit fee
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2 ten dollars (\$10.00). When the final permit fee is above ten dollars (\$10.00),
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4 the investigation fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) plus fifty percent (50%) of
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6 the final permit fee.
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8 SECTION 11. GENERAL RE-INSPECTION. If, upon inspection, any dangerous
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10 installations are discovered a written notice shall be served on the owner or
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12 occupant to have same corrected in accordance with the requirements of this
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14 code. On failure of the owner or occupant to comply with such notice, the
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16 Inspector shall have the authority to give written notice to the utility company
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18 to cut off or disconnect utility services, or otherwise cause the operation to
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20 be discontinued, until the defects are corrected.
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22 SECTION 12. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION. After final inspection of
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24 said installation, alteration, extension or connection and finding no violations
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26 of this code, the City shall release to such person, firm or corporation a
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28 certificate of inspection.
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30 SECTION 13. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Any license granted under
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32 this code may be revoked by the City Council of Slidell if the holder of the
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34 license violates any ordinance or law relating to these rules and regulations
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36 or is guilty of any act or in any installation work which is dangerous to
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38 life or property, or for transferring or allowing directly or indirectly persons,
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40 firms or corporations other than the lawful holder to operate or to obtain permits
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42 to do work under said license, provided the holder of the license be found
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44 guilty of such violations.
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46 SECTION 14. LICENSE RE-ISSUED. When a license is revoked, a new
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48 license will not be granted to the same person, firm or corporation for a period
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50 of thirty (30) days or more, nor until such person, firm or corporation shall
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52 have corrected the faulty work or other violations of these regulations. Licenses
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54 will be re-issued after applicant has taken an examination and paid the fees
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56 required for the original license.
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58 SECTION 15. APPEAL. Appeal from the decision of the board may be
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60 taken within thirty (30) days to the City Council.
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62 SECTION 16. LIABILITY. Any officer or employee of the City of
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64 Slidell, charged with the enforcement of this code, acting lawfully and without
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66 gross negligence or willful misconduct for the governing body in the discharge
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68 of his duties, is hereby relieved from personal liability for any damage that

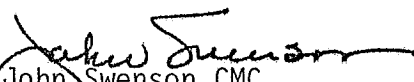
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2 may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted
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4 in the discharge of his duties. Any suit brought against any officer or
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6 employee because of such act performed by him in the enforcement of any provisions
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8 of this code shall be defended by the City Attorney of Slidell until the final
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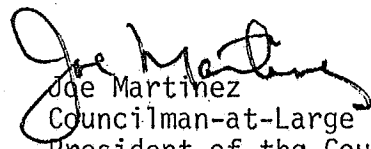
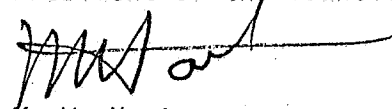
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12 SECTION 17. RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Electrical Inspector or his representative
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14 shall have the right of entry, during business hours, to inspect any and all
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16 premises for electrical installations in the performance of his duties.

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18 SECTION 18. SAVING CLAUSE. If any section, subsection, sentence,
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20 clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional,
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22 such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this
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24 code.

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28 ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 1979.

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Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

M. W. Hart
Mayor

Introduced October 9th, 1979 by
Councilwoman Wood, (By Request),
seconded by Councilman

Item Number 79-8-86

AMENDMENT A

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened,
that Item Number 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an Electrical Code
for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 64: After the words "Any member may be removed for
cause by the Mayor." add the words: after a Public
Hearing before the Slidell City Council.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

Introduced October 9th, 1979 by
Councilman Hinton, seconded by
Councilman

Item Number 79-8-86



THE CITY OF SLIDELL

Office of Permits and Inspections

M. W. "WEBB" HART

Mayor

October 4, 1979

STEVE BUSER
Building Official

Dear Councilman:

In reference to the tabeling of Item Number 79-8-86, an electrical control ordinance for the city of Slidell:

We talked to Ray Walen, Staff Engineer of the Southern Standard Building Code Congress, who said the liability clause in the codes they use have been in use for some time. He said he would check his files to see if he had anything that would be of relevance to changes in that section. We have not yet received material he promised to send us. He expressed concern over the amount of liability courts have been holding toward officials. He said, however, he had no objections toward changing the section to meet local needs.

In addition, we have reviewed Ordinance 1087, which is attached, in reference to language on the matter.

You will recall that we petitioned the council, that if any changes were made that the language used be "acting without gross negligence or willful neglect".

Ordinance 1087 says a city official is not protected when he is guilty of "willful misconduct or wrongdoing" or "grossly negligent act, or failure to act..." among other items.

We submit that the council has set a standard in this case in Ordinance 1087, and in the adoption of the Southern Standard Housing Code and Mechanical Codes. We suggest that the wording of the electrical control ordinance, as we have proposed it, does not deviate from that standard. The only decision we are asking of the council is a logical extention of a standard already set.

We pray the council consider our position and maintain this consistency that we are seeking in city laws.

We appreciate your understanding and patience in this matter and remain.

Yours truly,

Steve Buser
Building Official
Enclosure

Item No. 79-8-86

AMENDMENT B

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened,
that Item No. 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an Electrical Code
for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 4: Add the words ELECTRICAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

Page 1, line 26: Before the words "THE SCOPE" add SECTION 1.

Page 1, line 42: Before the words "BOARD MEMBERS" add SECTION 2.

Page 1, line 46: Delete the "period" and add the words confirmed
by the City Council.

Page 1, line 48: Before the words "TERM OF OFFICE" add SECTION 3.

Page 2, line 10: Before the words "APPLICATION FOR LICENSE"
add SECTION 4.

Page 2, line 32: Delete the word "attaching" and insert in its place
the word issuing.

Page 3, line 32: Before the words "EXAMINATION FEES" add SECTION 5.

Page 3, line 38: Before the words "LICENSE FEES" add SECTION 6.

Page 3, line 44: Before the words "PAYMENT OF FEES" add SECTION 7.

Page 3, line 48: Before the words "FAILURE TO PASS EXAMINATION"
add SECTION 8.

Page 3, line 62: Before the words "APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT"
add SECTION 9.

Page 5, line 2: Before the word "NOTIFICATION" add SECTION 10.

Page 5, line 30: Before the words "GENERAL RE-INSPECTION" add
SECTION 11.

Page 5, line 46: Before the words "CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION" add
SECTION 12.

Page 5, line 54: Before the words "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES"
add SECTION 13.

Page 5, line 58: Change the word "the" to these.

Page 6, line 6: Before the words "LICENSE RE-ISSUED" add SECTION 14.

Page 6, line 44: Before the words "RIGHT OF ENTRY" add SECTION 17.

Page 6, line 52: Before the words "SAVING CLAUSE" add SECTION 18.

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council


John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

Introduced September 25th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded by
Councilman Washington

Item No. 79-8-86

AMENDMENT C

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Item No. 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an
Electrical Code for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 6, Lines 20 and 22: Delete the entire section entitled
"APPEAL."

ADOPTED this day of 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

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Introduced September 25th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded by
Councilman Barthelemy

Item No. 79-8-86

AMENDMENT D

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Item No. 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an
Electrical Code for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 6, line 20: Before the word "APPEAL" add SECTION 15.

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council


John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

Introduced September 25th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded by
Councilman

Item No. 79-8-86

AMENDMENT E

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Item No. 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an
Electrical Code for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 6, lines 24 through 42: Delete the entire section entitled
"LIABILITY."

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

Introduced October 9th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded
by Councilman Barthelémy

Item Number 79-8-86

AMENDMENT F

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Item Number 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing
an Electrical Code for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 6, line 24: Before the word "LIABILITY" add Section 16.

Page 6, line 26: After the word "acting" insert the following
words: lawfully and without gross negligence
or willful misconduct.

Page 6, line 28: After the word "duties" delete the remainder
of the line.

Page 6, line 30: Delete the following words: "himself liable
personally, and he".

Page 6, line 30: Delete the words "for all" and insert the word
from.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council

Introduced September 25th, 1979 by
Councilman Singletary, seconded by
Councilman Martin

Item No. 79-8-86

AMENDMENT G.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
convened, that Item No. 79-8-86, a proposed Ordinance establishing an
Electrical Code for the City of Slidell, be amended as follows:

Page 6, line 44: Change "SECTION 17" to read SECTION 15

Page 6, line 52: Change "SECTION 18" to read SECTION 16.

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 1979.

Joe Martinez
Councilman-at-Large
President of the Council

John Swenson CMC
Clerk of the Council