

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE TO ELECTRIC PERMITS APPLIED FOR ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2023, FOR PROJECTS FOR WHICH COMMERCIAL PLANS WERE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2022; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9507 which amended the North Little Rock Municipal Code (“NLRMC”) Chapter 4 to adopt the 2020 National Electrical Code (“2020 Code”) in place of the 2017 National Electrical Code (“2017 Code”); and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Ordinance No. 9507 was November 28, 2022, resulting in commercial plans submitted after November 28, 2022 being required to comply with the 2020 Code; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, including staffing issues, the timing of the closing of City offices over the holidays, and winter weather conditions, the Planning Department is requesting that electric permit applications received by January 31, 2023, for projects for which commercial plans were submitted by December 30, 2022, be subject to the 2017 Code; and

WHEREAS, a legal advertisement of notice of a public hearing to be held January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. has been placed in the newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the 2017 National Electrical Code shall apply to all electric permits applied for on or before January 31, 2023, for projects for which commercial plans were submitted on or before December 30, 2022.

SECTION 2: That all other electric permits applications shall be subject to the 2020 National Electric Code as set forth in Ordinance No. 9507.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: That the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the proper administration of electric permit applications in the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

Maurice Taylor
Council Member Maurice Taylor *by AF*

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

Linda Robinson
Council Member Linda Robinson *by AF*

Steve Baxter
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Council Member Ron Harris *by AF*

Charlie Hight
Council Member Charlie Hight *by AF*

Nathan Hamilton
Council Member Nathan Hamilton *by AF*

FILED <u>10:00</u> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <u>City Attorney Amy Fields</u>
DATE <u>1-3-23</u>
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

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