

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
ORDINANCE NO: 1767

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 714, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE FOR SAFEGUARDING LIFE AND PROPERTY BY REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL WIRING, MATERIALS, DEVICES, APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT, AND THE METHODS AND STANDARDS OF INSTALLATION FOR THE ENTIRE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY; CREATING THE OFFICE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND PRESCRIBING HIS AUTHORITY AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND EXAMINATION AND LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS; DESIGNATING A BOARD OF EXAMINERS THEREOF; GRANTING THEM AUTHORITY TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY AND FIXING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, (hereinafter "Town Council") did originally adopt Ordinance No. 714 regarding electrical contractors among other things on the 11th day of January, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now recognizes that it has become necessary to amend certain sections of said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due to the departure of two of the Town's part-time Electrical Inspectors, the foregoing Ordinance has been reviewed by the Offices of Building and Planning, as well as the Town Council, and it has been determined that certain changes need to be made to help give the Town of St. John and the Building and Planning Department flexibility to hire or secure services from qualified persons for the position of Electrical Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA, THAT ORDINANCE NO. 714 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Section 4-114 entitled "Electrical Inspector" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 4-114.
Electrical inspector.

(a) The electrical inspector and/or contract/contractor shall be appointed by the Town Council. He/She shall be a practical electrician well versed in electrical work.

(b) It shall be the duty of the inspector(s) to approve or reject all plans or drawings for the installation or alteration of electrical work in the Town.

He/She shall also inspect for approval all electrical installations covered by the provisions of this article. He/She shall have the authority to remove or cause to be removed any obstructions which may prevent a complete inspection of any electrical installation.

(c) The electrical inspector(s) shall have the authority, during the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm, to enter any building or premises in the discharge of his/her duties for the purpose of making an inspection, reinspection, or test of electrical installations contained therein. Contractors or persons making application for inspection of electrical work shall make provisions for the electrical inspector to gain entrance to or have access to building in which work is being done. When any installation or equipment is found by the inspector to be defective, so as to be dangerous to persons or property, he/she shall notify, in writing, those persons or person responsible and they shall make the necessary repairs or changes required to place the equipment or installation in a safe condition as required by the inspector and this article. Repairs or changes must be completed in fifteen (15) days or such time as specified by the inspector in his notice, or the inspector shall have the authority to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service by the utility company to equipment or installation. In cases of emergency, where faulty installations or equipment may be hazardous to persons or property or interfere with the work of the Fire Department, the inspector shall have the authority to immediately disconnect or cause to be disconnected any electrical service to the installation.

(d) The electrical inspector may delegate any of his powers or duties to his assistants.

SECTION 2: That Section 4-161 entitled "Specific Rules and Standards of Work" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 4-161.

Electrical rules and standards of work.

(a) Code adopted. All electrical wiring in the Town shall be installed in accordance with the Indiana Electrical Code found in title 675 of the Indiana Administrative Code, and article 17 thereof which is hereby incorporated by reference in this section and shall include later amendments to the article as the same are published in the Indiana Register or the Indiana Administrative Code with effective dates as fixed therein. All electrical wiring shall likewise be installed in accordance with the following articles of title 675 of the Indiana Administrative Code and are hereby incorporated in this section and shall include later amendments to those articles as the same are published in the Indiana Register or the Indiana Administrative Code

with effective dates as fixed therein: Article 13, Building Codes; article 14, One- and Two-Family Dwelling Codes; article 16, Plumbing Code; article 17, Electrical Codes; article 18, Mechanical Codes; article 19, Energy Conservation Codes; and article 20, Swimming Pool Codes.

(b) Approval of alternate wiring methods. Any type of wiring methods not covered herein must have the approval of the electrical inspector of the Town.

(c) Wiring not to be concealed prior to inspection. No electrical wiring of any nature shall be concealed or enclosed before it has been inspected and approved by the electrical inspector.

(d) When current may be turned on. No electrical current shall be turned on in any building or addition until all fees are paid and a certificate issued by the inspector, showing that the work has been completed according to the provisions of this article.

(e) Early service permits. No early service permits will be issued on any NM and NMC installations.

(f) Temporary power. On NM and NMC installations, temporary power must be supplied so that the electrical inspector can inspect the premises; and only after approved final inspection will the local public service company be allowed to install permanent electrical service.

SECTION 3: That Section 10-92 entitled "Electrical inspections and examinations; compensation of electrical inspector" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 10-92.

Electrical inspections and examinations; compensation of electrical inspector.

(a) Electrical inspections.

(1) A maximum of three (3) part-time personnel, or two (2) independent contractors, or one (1) full time personnel, or one (1) third party electrical consulting contract, in any combination shall be utilized for electrical inspections.

(2) All electrical inspectors in the Town shall be at a minimum, a fourth year electrical apprentice; a fifth year apprentice or a journeyman electrician are also acceptable to serve in the position of town electrical inspector.

(3) Electrical inspections in the Town shall be performed in the evenings on Mondays through Fridays, and Saturday inspections shall be conducted if a demand for a Saturday inspection exists. Or during the course of normal business hours, Mondays through Fridays, when one (1) full time personnel, or one (1) third party electrical consulting contract exists with the Town.

(b) Electrical examinations.

(1) The electrical inspector shall administer three (3) classes of examinations, namely, contractor, homeowner, and swimming pools. The electrical inspector shall prepare and have on hand four (4) or more versions of each test and retain them on file in the office of the Town Building and Planning department. The low voltage test shall hereafter be eliminated.

(2) The electrical inspector shall grade the tests and inform the applicant of the results and the electrical inspector's determination of the necessity of re-testing the applicant. The applicant shall be entitled to appeal the results to the electrical inspector or request a re-test. The test results shall remain on file in the office of the Town Building and Planning department.

(c) Compensation of electrical inspector.

(1) The Town electrical inspector shall be paid on an hourly basis for inspections completed and/or work accomplished.

(2) The hourly rate of compensation for the Town electrical inspector shall be the prevailing wage rate for union electricians of the class or category of the said electrical inspector as set forth in subsection (a)(2) above.


That all existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

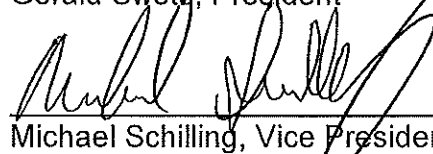
If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

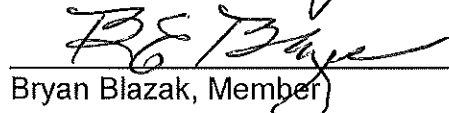
That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana.

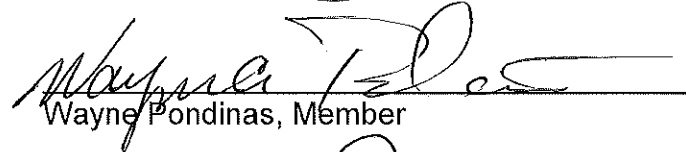
ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 11 DAY OF May, 2022.

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL:


Gerald Swets, President

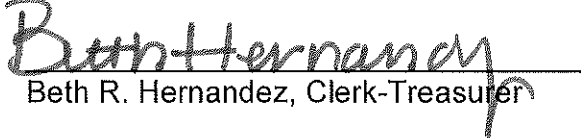

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