

ORDINANCE NO. 197

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ELECTRIC INSTALLATION, INCLUDING ELECTRIC CONDUCTORS AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED WITHIN OR UPON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND OTHER PREMISES, INCLUDING YARDS, CARNIVAL AND PARKING LOTS, AND INDUSTRIAL SUBSTATIONS; ALSO THE CONDUCTORS THAT CONNECT THE INSTALLATIONS TO A SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, AND OTHER OUTSIDE CONDUCTORS ADJACENT TO THE PREMISES; ALSO MOBILE HOMES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN THE COUNTY OF HOLMES, FLORIDA: PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE: PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, within the jurisdictional limits of The City of Bonifay, Florida, there may be buildings on premises unsafe because of inadequate or faulty electric installation, and which by reason of a desire to banish conditions dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of this jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, it has now become common knowledge that these conditions can be relieved, in a measure prevented, and often eliminated through planned and properly enforced minimum building codes, resulting thereby in upgrading the safety and welfare of residents and property owners of this jurisdictional area; and

THEREFORE:

Be It Ordained by The City of Bonifay, Holmes County, Florida:

Section 1. That the National Electric Code, being particularly the 1981 Edition of which copies have been and are now filed in the office of the Clerk, Circuit Court of Holmes County, Florida, and all revisions thereof, with the following amendments:

A. INSPECTOR OR ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR DEFINED; DUTIES; INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED:

(a) The term "Inspector or "Electrical Inspector", when used in this code shall be understood to mean the Director of Building Inspections of Holmes County or The City of Bonifay, Florida. Such Inspector or Electrical Inspector shall be under the control and direction of the Board of County Commissioners or The City of Bonifay, Holmes County, Florida.

(b) The Electrical Inspector shall be empowered to inspect or reinspect any electrical wiring or apparatus under the jurisdiction of this Code, and when such wiring or apparatus is found to be unsafe to life and property, he shall notify the person owning or using them to have them placed in a safe and secure manner within a time limit determined by the Electrical Inspector. If such electrical wiring or apparatus is found to be an immediate hazard, the Inspector shall disconnect the electrical service to such premises.

(c) It shall be unlawful for anyone to hinder or interfere with the Electrical Inspector in the discharge of his duties.

B. ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:

(a) All electrical work and wiring done in Holmes County shall be done under the direction of the Electrical Inspector.

C. REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK:

(a) All electrical work or wiring in The City of Bonifay shall be performed by or under the direction of a competent electrician.

(b) Nothing herein shall prohibit a bonafide homeowner from personally installing electrical wiring in his own home, providing he shall live in such residence which is a single family dwelling unit, used exclusively by him or his immediate family. Such privilege does not exempt the homeowner from taking out a permit for such work, and having work approved by the Electrical Inspector. However, the number of such permits shall not exceed one permit per year.

D. PERMIT REQUIRED TO DO ELECTRICAL WORK:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to perform any electrical work or wiring in Holmes County without first obtaining a written permit from the Electrical Inspector to do so.

E. INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL WORK:

(a) All electrical work and wiring within The City of Bonifay shall be inspected by the Electrical Inspector, or by someone designated by him, before services wires are connected thereto. All extensions, changes and repairs in and existing wiring shall be inspected by the Electrical Inspector or by someone designated by him upon the completion of such work.

F. LICENSE REQUIRED:

(a) It shall be required of every person before engaging in the Business of electrical contracting within The City of Bonifay from the effective date of this Ordinance, to secure a County Electrical License.

G. SPECIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS:

(a) A complete set of electrical plans to be submitted to County Inspection Department for approval before work is started on buildings. Such plans to indicate location of service and whether overhead or underground. No permit shall be issued until all corrections have been approved. This shall exclude 1 and 2 family dwellings.

(b) Any underground work on public right-of-way shall be installed to utility company specifications.

(c) All electrical service entrances in or on buildings shall be in rigid conduits.

(d) Underground services to homes shall be installed in approved conduit, or direct burial cable 30" deep. At least 6" of clean fill shall be placed directly above direct burial cable.

(e) Underground service to all buildings shall be installed to utility company requirements where such requirements exceed 1978 National Electric Code.

(f) On all new service, the minimum service entrance conduit shall comply with the National Electric Code.

(g) All overhead services shall be at least 12' above the ground. Refer to National Electric Code 230-24.

(h) Where non-metallic sheathed cable is used in buildings having metal stud partitions, the cable shall not rest on metal edges of studs, but shall be installed with adequate protection against abrasions or cutting into outer covering of cable.

(i) Minimum size conduit to be used as a service mast shall be two (2) inches.

(j) All electrical meters shall be located ahead of the customer's main switch or disconnect unless otherwise allowed by the electrical inspector.

(l) All temporary services shall be 60 amp. minimum size and mounted on round treated poles of sufficient length so when set, weatherhead shall be a minimum of 12' from the ground and the pole at least four feet in the ground. Temporary services shall not be allowed for more than 150 days, except by special permission.

(k) Three feet minimum tail to be left on service conductor for make-up purposes.

(m) Ground fault circuit interrupters shall be installed on all swimming pools with underwater lighting regardless of voltage.

(n) A 100 amp. minimum size service shall be installed for each mobile home. An approved panel shall be used for this purpose.

(o) All buildings over four (4) stories above ground shall be equipped with lighting protection devices installed in accordance with National Electric Code.

(p) The neutral conductor of a three phase four wire WYE 208/120Y system shall be the same size as the phase conductors. Neutral to be insulated same as the phase conductor derating note 8 of National Electric Code shall apply ref. 310 notes.

H. SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES:

(a) Fees shall be set by the City of Bonifay, not to exceed the amount allowed by the Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Dwellings to include mobile homes applying for the first time installation must first meet state and county regulations regarding septic tank and sewage disposal systems prior to obtaining an electrical permit.

Section 3. Municipalities not having a code of their own may elect to come under this code.

Section 4. Farm buildings are exempt from this code, unless the farmer or contractor elects to come under this code at the same fees as those for dwellings.

Section 5. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be prosecuted by the prosecuting officer of Holmes County, Florida, having authority to prosecute misdemeanors, and, upon conviction in a court having jurisdiction of misdemeanors, shall be punished by fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (500.00), or by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 6. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in court, or any rights accrued or existing under any act or Ordinance repealed hereby.

Section 7. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance or of the Code hereby adopted shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in force at the time that this Ordinance is adopted shall remain in force except those which are specifically known to be in conflict with this Ordinance shall be hereby repealed.

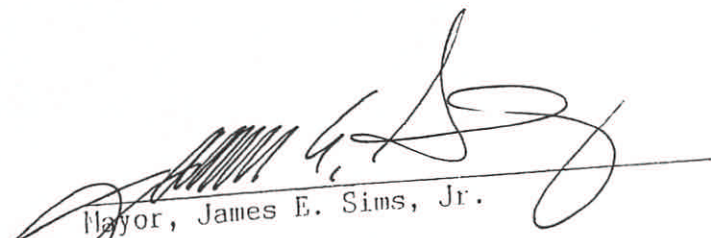
Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgement from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida that said Ordinance has been filed in said Office.

Date Approved: April 5, 1982

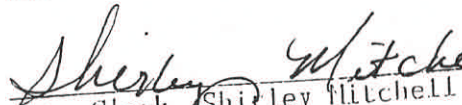
CITY OF BONIFAY

ATTEST:

Clerk


Mayor, James E. Sims, Jr.

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Shirley Mitchell

Re-adopted this 27 day of July, 1992.