

AN ORDINANCE OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
REQUIRING A PERMIT AND INSPECTION BEFORE ANY  
COMMENCEMENT, ALTERATION OR REPAIR OF ANY  
ELECTRICAL WIRING WITHIN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING  
FOR AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTION.

WHEREAS, Madison County had powers under KRS 227.450 to 227.500 to require electrical inspections and provide the mechanisms therefore, and

WHEREAS, the public safety of the citizens of Madison County dictates such inspections and mechanisms, and

WHEREAS, the administration of inspections will be most efficiently operated through the Madison County Building Inspector, now

THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by Madison County, that:

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

1. "Electrical Contractor" means any individual, partnership or corporation that engages in the business of or employs others for the construction, alteration or repair of any electrical wiring used for the purpose of furnishing heat, light or power;
2. "Electrician" means any person who is employed by an electrical contractor and is engaged in the construction, alteration or repair of any electrical wiring used for the purpose of furnishing heat, light or power;
3. "Electrical" pertains to the installation of wires and conduits for the purpose of transmitting electricity, and the installation of fixtures and equipment in connection therewith;
4. "Electrical Inspector" means any person certified by the Commission of Housing, Buildings and Construction who, for compensation, inspects the construction and installation of electrical conductors, fittings devices and fixtures for light, heat or power service equipment to ascertain the compliance with the National Electrical Code adopted by Madison County and as incorporated in the Uniform State Building Code or the Standards of Safety of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
5. "Person" means any individual, a partnership or a corporation.
6. "Ordinary Repairs" means regular or emergency maintenance or repair of electrical wiring or its components including but not limited to replacement of switches, plugs, lights and general repair.

SECTION II: PROHIBITIONS

1. No person shall commence construction of an electrical system in Madison County without having obtained a permit from the Madison County Building Inspection Office and having the premises inspected by the Electrical Inspector.
2. No Electrical Contractor shall perform any electrical work or electrical contracting within Madison County without first having acquired an Occupational License in Madison County as an Electrical Contractor for electrical installations.
3. Exemptions:
  - a. Homeowners performing their own wiring in their own residences are exempt from the provisions of subsection 2 of Section II herein.
  - b. Installations under the exclusive control of electric utilities for the purpose of communication, metering, or for the generation, control, transformation, transmission and distribution of electric energy located in buildings used exclusively by utilities for such purposes or located

outdoors on property owned or leased by the utility or on public highways, streets or roads, or outdoors by establishing rights on private property, are exempt from subsections 1 - 3 herein.

- c. Any resident, firm or corporation whose day to day business operations includes the movement, rearrangement, alteration of electrical equipment and devices supervised by on-site engineering staff, an electrical or mechanical engineer, an equivalently experienced person is exempt from the subsections III - 1 herein.
- d. Ordinary repairs and maintenance of electrical systems and components are exempt from permit and inspection requirements.

### SECTION III : PERMITS

1. Construction of electrical wiring or equipment shall not be installed without first obtaining a permit from the Building Inspection Office, the fee for which shall be \$2.00. The application and issuance of said permit is governed by all applicable sections of the Kentucky Building Code, including but not limited to Article 27, and by the rules and regulations established by the Building Inspection Office.
2. The Building Inspection Office shall establish the regulations governing the issuance of permits and shall be responsible for issuance of permits, maintenance of records and on-site inspections to ensure compliance with these regulations.
3. The electrical permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the electrical panel on the property for which it was issued throughout the duration of the project.
4. The Electrical Inspector shall not provide inspection services on any project where an Electrical Permit has not been issued.
5. Electrical permits are non-transferable. They are to be used only by those persons obtaining the permit.

### SECTION IV: ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

1. The Judge Executive appoints the position of Electrical Inspector, by County Order. The Electrical Inspector shall be certified by the Commissioner of Housing, Building and Construction pursuant to KRS 227.480(2) and KRS 277.498. The Electrical Inspector is an independent contractor and shall in no way be considered an employee of Madison County or any agency thereof.
2. The Electrical Inspector's duties within Madison County are: inspecting the construction and installation of electrical conductors of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 wiring; inspecting fittings, devices and fixtures for light heat and power; inspecting service equipment to ascertain compliance with the National Electrical Code incorporated in the Kentucky Building Code and promulgated under KRS 198B.050; to ascertain compliance with the Standards of Safety of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and to make electrical write ups and inspections as required by Building Inspector.
3. The Electrical Inspector shall not perform electrical inspections of any type within Madison County unless the installer has obtained the required permits.
4. The Electrical Inspector, after certifying an electrical installation, shall furnish and attach an approval sticker bearing his signature and certification number in a conspicuous place on the main service entrance equipment. The Inspector shall provide a copy of the electrical certificate to the Building Inspection Office for its records at the end of each week. A complete record of each inspection shall be kept by the Inspector, and shall be made available to the Department of Housing, Building and Construction upon its request.
5. The Electrical Inspector shall provide the owner's/contractor's copy of the final electrical certificate to the Building Inspection Office, which shall be accompanied, with a statement of electrical inspection fees due.

6. The owner, contractor, manufacturer, or other person, shall obtain the services of another Electrical Inspector in an attempt to supplant, overrule or otherwise invalidate the judgement of the County Electrical Inspector without first obtaining the written consent of the Madison County Fiscal Court. Any Electrical Inspector attempting such action shall be subject to review by the Commissioner of Housing, Building and Construction, with possible suspension of certification.
7. No electrical wiring shall be covered or concealed until the structural framework, conduits and wiring have been approved by the Electrical Inspector. Should the Electrical Inspector condemn any of said work or equipment as not being in accordance with the National Electrical Code, notice in writing shall be given to the person, firm or corporation engaged in the installation of the final work, within ten (10) days after notification of the final work.

SECTION V: INSPECTION FEE

1. The Electrical Inspector's fees shall be established by the County Judge Executive, a copy of which is available in the Building Inspection Office.
2. The Electrical Inspector's fees for the inspections and certificates shall be paid in full by the responsible party prior to the issuance of the final certificate. All inspection fees shall be made payable to the Madison County Treasurer.
3. All parties (Builder, Owner, and Electrical Contractor) involved with the construction alteration or repair of a structure are jointly and severally responsible and obligated to paying the inspection fees. The final electrical certificate shall not be released until such time that all fees are paid in full to the Madison County Building Inspection Office.
4. The Electrical Inspector shall provide a completed "Statement of Electrical Inspection Fees" due as provided by the Building Inspection Office. This form must be completed in its entirety upon the final issuance of the Electrical Inspection Certificate and submitted to the Building Inspection Office before payment can be processed to the Electrical Inspector.
5. All electrical inspection fees shall be forwarded to the Madison County Treasurer for depositing into the appropriate account. The County shall retain 15% of the total fees collected to cover administrative costs incurred for record keeping, collections and other services necessary to carry out these requirements. The Electrical inspector shall receive the balance of the electrical inspection fees collected every month.

SECTION VI:

That the County Clerk cause this ordinance to be published in accordance with the appropriate Kentucky Revised Statutes.

DATE OF FIRST READING: 2-8-2000

MOTION BY: Larry Combs

SECONDED BY: Forniss Park

VOTE:	YES	NO
COUNTY JUDGE, KENT CLARK	✓	
MAGISTRATE, LARRY COMBS	✓	
MAGISTRATE, FORNISS PARKS	✓	
MAGISTRATE, WILLIAM TUDOR	✓	
MAGISTRATE, BILLY RAY HUGHES	✓	

DATE OF SECOND READING: February 22, 2000

MOTION BY: William Tudor

SECONDED BY: Forniss Park

VOTE: YES NO

COUNTY JUDGE, KENT CLARK  
MAGISTRATE LARRY COMBS  
MAGISTRATE FORNISS PARKS  
MAGISTRATE WILLIAM TUDOR  
MAGISTRATE BILLY RAY HUGHES

✓  
*absent*  
✓  
✓  
*no*

*Kent Clark* ✓  
MADISON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Attest:

*Mary Jane Ginter*  
MADISON COUNTY CLERK

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Madison County Fiscal Court will have Second Reading of Ordinance #00-01 at a special meeting of the court on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in the Madison County Courtroom, Richmond. This ordinance requires an electrical permit and inspection before commencement, alteration, or repair of wiring within the county. A copy of the ordinance is available in the office of the Madison County Judge Executive.



KENT CLARK - MADISON COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE  
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