

CHAPTER 25 – ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

[History: Adopted by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland 3-10-77 as Ord. No. 330.
Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I – STANDARDS

25.1.01 Adoption of standards by reference. (25-1)

[Revised 4-15-03 by Ord. No. 2003-2.]

The International Code Council (ICC) Electrical Code, latest edition, as published by Building Officials Code Administrators International and any subsequent amendments, revisions or recodifications thereof or thereto are hereby adopted as the Electrical Code of the Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, and each and all of the provisions of said code and any subsequent amendments, revisions or recodifications thereof, except such provisions as are by this chapter deleted, modified or amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a party hereof as if fully set out by this chapter.

- A. Sections 602.3 and 602.4 of the Electrical Code shall include the dates "September 1st to May 15th" in the first sentence of each of said paragraphs. [Added 4-15-03 by Ord. No. 2003-2.]

25.1.02 Electrical Official. (25-2)

- A. The office of Electrical Official is hereby created, and the executive official in charge shall be known as the "Electrical Official."
- B. It shall be the duty of the Electrical Official to enforce the provisions of said Electrical Code and to make the inspections and tests required thereunder.
- C. The Electrical Official shall, after proper identification, have the right to enter any premises for the purpose of inspecting any electrical wiring at such times as may be reasonably necessary to protect the public health and safety.
- D. The Electrical Official shall be appointed by the council of the Borough of Northumberland.

25.1.03 Permit for electrical work. (25-3)

- A. No electrical work, except for minor household repairs involving the changing of switches or fuses or the repairs of electrical fixtures, shall be undertaken prior to the issuance of a permit therefore by the Electrical Official.
- B. Application for permit shall be made on suitable forms provided by the Borough of Northumberland. The application shall not be issued until the fees prescribed have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit necessitating an additional fee because of the additional work involved be approved until the additional fee shall have been paid.

25.1.04 Requirements for issuance of permit. (25-4)

No permit shall be issued until plans and specifications showing the proposed work in necessary detail have been submitted to the Electrical Official and he has determined from examination of such plans and specifications that they give assurance that the work will conform to the provisions of said Electrical Code. If a permit is denied, the applicant may submit revised plans and specifications without payment of an additional fee. If, in the course of the work, it is found necessary to make any change from the plans and specifications

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on which a permit has been issued, amended plans and specifications shall be submitted and a supplementary permit, subject to the same conditions applicable to the original application for permit, shall be issued to cover the change.

25.1.05 Rules and regulations. (25-5)

The Electrical Official shall make such rules and regulations in furtherance of the purposes of said Electrical Code and not inconsistent with the specific provisions thereof for the installation, repair and alteration of electrical wiring and other matters regulated by this code.

25.1.06 Violations and penalties. (25-6)

[As passed 12-18-2001 as part of Ord. No.2001-13, all fees for this and subsequent parts of the borough code are determined by council resolution.]

25.1.07 Appeals. (25-7)

- A. General. Any person who is aggrieved with the ruling or decision of the enforcing officer in any matter relative to the interpretation or enforcement of any of the provisions of this code may take an appeal to the Board of Appeals.
- B. Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland.
- C. Time of appeal. The appeal must be filed in the Borough Office, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of the rendition of the decision or interpretation of the enforcing officer, except that, where circumstances exist which in the opinion of the enforcing officer are hazardous or dangerous to human life or the public welfare, the enforcing officer may in his notice or order to the violator limit the time for such appeal to a shorter period.
- D. Hearing. The Board of Appeals shall meet upon notice of the Chairman within fifteen (15) days of the filing of an appeal. The meeting shall be public and the appellant, his representatives, the enforcing officer and other person whose interests may be affected by the matter on appeal shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

25.1.08 Definitions. (25-8)

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

PERSON includes an individual, firm, partnership, corporation and any other entity.