

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 -1

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 14.028 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT PERTAINING TO ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

The Village Board of the Village of Sturtevant, Racine County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

1. That Section 14.028 Sub 1 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Sturtevant be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

“Sec. 14.028 Sub 1 ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRICIANS.

- (1) **STATE ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED.** Chapter SPS 316 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and all amendments thereto are hereby adopted and made part of this chapter and a copy shall be kept on file of the office of the electrical inspector. To the extent of any conflict between this code and the state’s administrative code, the administrative code section shall control.
- (2) **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.** An electrical inspector shall act as head of this department. The electrical inspector shall have a certification per Chapter SPS 305.62. Wis. Stats. § 101.875(1). The electrical inspector may be provided with the assistance of such additional persons as the Village Board may direct.
- (3) **AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE ELECTRIC OPERATION.** The electrical inspector may authorize the disconnection of all electrical currents to any wiring or equipment which is found to be in an unsafe condition or to any electrical service where such electrical currents are a hazard to life or property. No person shall reconnect any electrical wiring or equipment without authorization from the electrical inspector.
- (4) **LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.** No person or entity may engage in the business or offer to engage in the business of installing, repairing or maintaining electrical wiring unless the person or entity holds a license or certification issued per sub. (5).
- (5) **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR DEFINED.** An electrical contractor is a person or firm that may engage in the business of or offer to engage in the business of installing, repairing, or maintaining electrical wiring and holds a license or certification issued per Chapter SPS 305.41. Wis. Stats. § 101.862
- (6) **ELECTRICIAN DEFINED.** A person that holds a license or registration issued per Chapter SPS 305.40. Wis. Stats. 101.80

- (7) **OWNER-OCCUPIED.** Except as specified in sub. (8)(a), a residential property owner who installs, repairs or maintains electrical wiring on premises that the owner owns and occupies as a residence shall not be required to hold a license or certification per sub. (5) or per sub. (6).

Note: A new dwelling being constructed cannot be designated owner-occupied until final inspections are completed and occupancy allowed. An existing dwelling unfit for human habitation cannot be designated owner-occupied.

- (8) **PERMITS.** An electrical permit is required for the installation, repairing or maintenance of electrical wiring except as specified in sub. (8) (b).

- (a) An owner-occupant of a residential property that is not licensed per sub. (5) or sub. (6) shall not be issued a permit to perform any of the following electrical work:

1. Installation, repair or replacement of an electrical service, service equipment, meter housing and meter pedestal.

- (b) No permit shall be required for:

1. Minor repairs made necessary for proper maintenance of an existing electrical installation provided there are no alterations or extensions of the existing circuit.
2. Connecting a replacement furnace, air conditioner, dishwasher, water heater or other similar appliances to the existing disconnect provided the existing branch circuit and existing disconnect is utilized and there are no alterations to the existing circuit.
3. Replacement or repair of light fixtures, receptacles, switches or other similar devices provided there are no alterations or extensions of the existing circuit.
4. Reconnecting, installation, repair or replacement of machines, tools, process equipment and apparatus used in commercial, manufacturing and industrial facilities provided there are no alterations to the existing circuit.

- (9) **INSPECTIONS.** Inspections performed shall be of the following types. SPS 316.940

- (a) A rough electrical inspection before the electrical work is concealed.
- (b) A re-inspection of the electrical work if applicable.
- (c) A final inspection of the electrical work.
- (d) An electrical service. SPS 316.950

- (10) **RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The electrical inspector may during reasonable hours, request to enter any building or premises in the discharge of his or her official duties for the purpose of performing inspections or re-inspections. If entry is denied, the electrical inspector may obtain a special inspection warrant authorizing such entry.
- (11) **PLANS.** The electrical inspector shall have the authority to request drawings, plans, specifications or any relevant information to ensure compliance with the electrical code.
- (12) **FEES.** Permit fees shall be as set by the Village Board. A copy of said fees shall be kept on file in the office of the electrical inspector.
- (13) **EMERGENCY.** Under emergency conditions, the necessary electrical work may be commenced without submitting an application for a permit. The person performing the emergency electrical work shall report the electrical work no later than the following business day and shall submit an electrical permit for such work.
- (14) **LIABILITY.** This section shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility or liability of any person supplying electricity to, or selling, renting, leasing, owning, using, operating, controlling, installing, repairing, removing, replacing, disturbing, connecting, disconnecting or maintaining, any electrical wiring, device or equipment for damages to persons or property caused by any defect therein or therefrom, nor shall the Village or any of its officials be held as assuming any such responsibility or liability by reason of the issuance or revocation of any permit, or the inspection or re-inspection of any electrical equipment, sales, rentals, drawings, plans, specifications, materials, samples, test reports, literature, information or schedules authorized by this section, nor shall the Village or any of its officials be held liable for any damage resulting from the enforcement of this section.”

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Sturtevant, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of March, 2020.

VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT

By: Jayme Hoffman
Jayme Hoffman, Village President

Attest: Amanda Ingle
Amanda Ingle, Village Clerk