

BILL NO. 4748

ORDINANCE NO. 4748

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY DELETING DIVISION 3 OF ARTICLE VI PERTAINING TO AN ELECTRICAL BOARD.

WHEREAS, because of changes in state laws and regulations providing for the statewide licensing of electrical contractors, and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted and abides by the National Electrical Code, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of West Plains, Missouri, has determined that the existence of a City Electrical Board is not necessary for the welfare of the residents of the City of West Plains, and

WHEREAS, the passage of this Ordinance will promote the efficient operation of the City of West Plains by abolishing the City Electrical Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, THAT DIVISION 3 OF ARTICLE VI, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE ARE REPEALED AND DELETED:

ARTICLE VI. – ELECTRICITY

DIVISION 3. – ELECTRICAL BOARD

Sec. 10-277. - Created; composition.

There is hereby created an electrical board which shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be a qualified electrician; one shall be the city engineer or some other person the mayor deems qualified to be a member thereof; one shall be an electrical contractor; one shall be an electrical merchant who sells electrical supplies and equipment; and one shall be the city electrical inspector.

Sec. 10-278. - Appointment; terms.

All members of the electrical board shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city council for a term of five years. The terms of the board members shall be staggered so that one member will be appointed each year.

Sec. 10-279. - Compensation.

The members of the electrical board shall serve on such board without compensation.

Sec. 10-280. - Annual report.

It shall be the duty of the electrical board to submit to the mayor and council an annual report giving a summary of all the decisions and actions of the board and a report of such other business

as may have come before it, together with such recommendations as to desirable legislation pertaining to electrical installations in or about buildings as may seem advisable.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect after the date of its passage and approval.

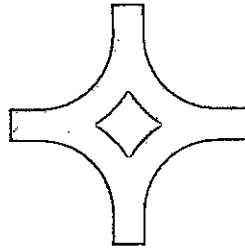
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF November, 2023.

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY: Michael Topliff
MICHAEL TOPLIFF, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Allison Skinner
ALLISON SKINNER, CITY CLERK



10/5/2023

To: Sam Anselm, City Administrator
Allison Skinner, City Clerk

From: Dustin Harrison, Building Official/Zoning Administrator.

Re: Dissolving the City Electric Board

Executive Summary

Council action, approval of an ordinance deleting Division 3 Article VI

Discussion

August 2017 the state passed legislation allowing for contractors to apply for a statewide license. Prior to the Covid pandemic the board met regularly to interview potential candidates for a local electric license. This process was vetted by the building department and tests were administered as well. Before issuing a license, the candidate would go before the board for an interview for approval or denial.

With the pandemic and the passing of the statewide contractor's license we did not assemble the board for these actions. City staff would require copies of a state license, or the equivalent of the requirement set forth in our ordinances and issue a license.

The Boards role would also involve local amendments to our electrical code. In recent years the code has been adopted in its entirety with no amendments.

As the board has served a critical role in the past in implementing rules and regulations, I feel with the current legislation in place city staff could handle these functions. This process also seems to be very time-consuming, administering the tests, assembling the board caused quite a bit of delay for the licensing process.

Fiscal Impact

N/a