

ORDINANCE NO. 51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM WIRING CODE, 1965 EDITION AND THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY ORDERS, 1962 EDITION; REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, ARRANGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, USE AND OPERATION OF ELECTRIC WIRING, CONNECTIONS, FIXTURES AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ON PREMISES WITHIN THE CITY OF RIDGECREST; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That certain documents, three (3) copies of each of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, being marked and designated "Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, prepared and published by the Southern California Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors," "Electrical Safety Orders, 1962 Edition, printed in the California State Printing Office," be and the same are hereby adopted as the electrical code of the City of Ridgecrest for the protection of the public health and safety, and requiring a permit for the installation, arrangement, alteration, and repair of electric wiring, connections, fixtures, and appliances, placing responsibility for enforcement in the Building Official, establishing minimum regulations and operation of electric wiring, connections, fixtures, and other electrical appliances on premises within the City of Ridgecrest, providing penalties for violations of this code, and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of such "Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition," and "Electrical Safety Orders", 1962 Edition, on file in the office of the City Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance.

Section 2. Whenever the term "Electrical Safety Engineer" is used in the Uniform Wiring Code or Electrical Safety Orders, such term shall be construed to mean the Building Official of the City of Ridgecrest or his duly authorized representative.

Section 3. The following sections of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, are hereby deleted: Sections 30.6, 70.4, 70.7, 70.8, 140, 150.14.

Section 4. Section 90.6 of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, shall be changed to read as follows:

"90.6. Service disconnects, where permitted inside a building, shall be located in a space, readily accessible, and

nearest the entry of the service conductors into the building, with the approval of the Fire Department, Building Department, and Utility Company."

Section 5. Section 140.2 of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, shall be changed to read as follows:

"140.2 Single Family Dwellings Under 600 Square Feet.

The minimum service requirements shall be;
Raceway-----1" trade size
Conductors-----3 No. 6 AWG
Switch-----60 ampere or
Circuit Breaker-----50 ampere"

Section 6. Section 140.5 of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, shall be changed to read as follows:

"140.5 Duplex Dwelling.

Combined minimum service requirements shall be:
Raceway-----1-1/2 trade size
Conductors-----3 No. 1 AWG
Switches-----100 ampere or
Circuit Breaker-----100 ampere for each unit

Service entrance conductors shall have a current carrying capacity sufficient to carry the load."

Section 7. Section 150.12 of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, shall be changed to read as follows:

"150.12 There shall be installed in every new installation a one-inch (1") raceway from the panel to the range location and a three-quarter inch (3/4") raceway from the panel to the attic for spare."

Section 8. Section 170.10 of the Uniform Wiring Code, 1965 Edition, shall be changed to read as follows:

"170.10 Appliances. Washing machines, dryers, laundry tray locations, or any fixed appliance with motors of 1/4 H. P. or larger, shall be on a separate branch circuit supplied by not less than No. 12 SWG wire."

Section 9. All receptacles inside and outside dwellings and houses shall be of the grounded type.

Section 10. Commercial and Industrial, all interior wiring shall be installed in approved raceways.

Section 11. Ordinance No. 6 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. If, any sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the said City hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, sub-section, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses and phrases may be declared unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 13. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (500.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail, Kern County, for a period of not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each such person, firm, or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day, or portion thereof, during which any such violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is committed continued or permitted, by such person, firm or corporation, as herein provided.

Section 14. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

Section 15. This ordinance shall become effective February 1, 1966.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of DECEMBER, 1965, by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR HUGO, COUNCILMEN JULES, KRAUS & WEBB

NOES: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GILMER



 Mayor

ATTEST:



 City Clerk