ORDINANCE NO. 77-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 1975 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 51, 71, 171 AND 74-18

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

SECTION 1. That certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, being marked and designated, "National Electrical Code, 1975 Edition, prepared and published by the National Fire Protection Association," be and the same is hereby adopted as the electrical code for 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 "National Electrical Code, 1975 Edition," on file in the office of the City Clerk is hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5 and 17958.7, the City Council expressly finds that it is necessary to make the changes and modifications as follows in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

SECTION 3. Except as expressly permitted or authorized by state law, and except for exterior lines and conduits, and state-approved use in mobilehomes, factory built construction, and modular construction, the use of aluminum wiring, copper-clad aluminum wiring, aluminum alloy wiring, or any similar wiring containing a substantial amount of aluminum, is herewith prohibited in the City of Ridgecrest, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in any National or Uniform Codes, or any other ordinances of the City of Ridgecrest.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall not be construed as imposing on the City of Ridgecrest or its officers or employees any liability for damage resulting from defective work; nor shall the City of Ridgecrest or any of its officers of employees be held to assume any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized hereunder.

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SECTION 6. If any section, 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, sentence, 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 7. 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 three hundred dollars ($300.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail, Kern County, for a period of not more than ninety (90) days 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 8. That Ordinance Nos. 51, 71, 171 and 74-18 of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 1977, by the following vote:

AYES: Vice-Mayor Chieze, Councilmembers Green, Karlberg and Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Edwards.

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TED B. EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline C. Reed

JACQUELINE C. REED, CITY CLERK