

**Chapter 5 -- ELECTRICITY\*****Sec. 5-1. Installation of electrical wiring, motors, and appliances; permit required; application.**

(a) No wiring or equipment for the transmission, distribution or utilization of electricity for any purpose, shall be installed within or on any building or structure nor shall any alterations or additions be made on any existing wiring or equipment within or on any building or structure until a permit is secured from the electrical inspector as hereinafter provided.

(b) No permit shall be required for the connection of portable devices to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed.

(c) No permit shall be required for the installation, maintenance of equipment to be installed by or for a public utility or public service corporation for the use of such utility or corporation in the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electric energy.

(d) Application for such permit shall be made in writing to the inspector on forms, furnished by him/her to the person, firm or corporation doing or installing the work and the permit, if granted, shall be issued to such applicant. The application shall describe the work to be done and the location thereof, and shall be accompanied by plans and specifications as required by said inspector. If the work described in such application conforms with the provisions of this ordinance, the inspector shall issue a permit. (Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83, Ord. No. 1991-2, 5-14-91)

**Sec. 5-2. Duties of the electrical inspector.**

It shall be the duty of the electrical inspector to see that the provisions of this code are enforced. He shall upon application of a licensed electrician, or, a homeowner in his own dwelling grant permits for the installation or alteration of electrical wiring and equipment on, over or under a street way or within any building within the city and shall require the same to be erected in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Electrical Code, current edition adopted and approved by the Department of Labor and Industry Electrical Division of the State of Vermont. (Ord. No. 1980-4, 5-27-80; Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83)

**Sec. 5-3. Authority granted to the inspector.**

The electrical inspector shall have the right, during reasonable hours, to enter any building in the discharge of his official duties, or for the purpose of making any inspection, re-inspection or test of the installation of electric wires and equipment contained therein and shall have the authority to cut or disconnect any wiring in cases of emergency where necessary for safety to life or property. The inspector is hereby empowered to order the discontinuance of electrical service to any electric wiring and equipment found to be dangerous to life or property until such wiring or equipment has been made safe. (Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83)

**Sec. 5-4. Licenses and registration.**

No person shall engage in or conduct the business of installing or repairing electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment within the city unless he has been granted a journeyman's or master license by the state, provided, however, that a license shall not be required for those electrical installations as defined in 26 V.S.A., Section 910. (Ord. No. 1983,1-13-83, amended, Ord. 1991-2, 5-14-91 and Ord. 1992-1, 3-10-92).

**Sec. 5-5. Inspection fees.**

The fees to be paid for permits issued or granted under the provisions of this chapter shall be designated by the city council and upon adoption of the rates the council shall publish in the local newspaper the rate change thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the rate change. (Ord. No. 2005-1, 8/18/05)

There will be a minimum charge as designated by the city council and upon adoption of the minimum charge the council will publish in the local newspaper the rate change thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the rate change. (Ord. No. 2005-1, 8/18/05)

The electrical inspector shall determine the number of inspections he/she deems necessary. The City of Barre reserves the right to annunciate its own fees. (Ord. No. 1985-6, 12-3-85, (Ord. 1989-4, 6-6-89, Ord. 1991-2, 5-14-91, Ord. 1992-1,3-10-92)

**Sec. 5-6. Penalty.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

**Sec. 5-7. Appeals - Free standing single unit residence inspections.**

(a) If a person feels aggrieved by an order of the inspector made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, he or his contractor may appeal by way of a petition in writing to the council, setting forth his reasons, filing such petition in writing to the council, setting forth his reasons, filing such petition with the clerk. Such petition shall be preferred and so filed within five (5) days after the receipt from the inspector of his order. The mayor, upon the receipt of copy of said petition shall, as soon as may be, call a special meeting of the council, to consider the facts set forth in the petition and take such action in the premises as they shall deem best.

(b) The council, with the approval of the mayor, may affirm such order of the inspector or may modify the same, but such modification shall fall within the express or necessarily implied provisions of this chapter relating to such subject matter so considered. The action of the council, upon such petition, shall be certified by the clerk to the inspector and to the aggrieved party signing the petition.

**Sec. 5-8. Appeals - Multi-family, commercial, industrial, storage, and mercantile inspections.**

A person aggrieved by a refusal of a municipal inspector to issue a certificate of completion or by any other action of a municipal inspector or the municipality relating to this section may appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry within 15 calendar days after written notice of such refusal or action. A person filing an application in accordance with this subsection, shall be entitled to notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Commissioner of Labor & Industry within 45 calendar days. Within 30 calendar days after the hearing, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall issue an order amending, modifying, or affirming the action by the municipal inspector or municipality. (Ord. 1991-2, 5-14-91)