CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, CHAPTER 64 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION), ARTICLE IV (ELECTRICAL STANDARDS), SECTION 89.19, TO MODIFY THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED FEES

RECITALS

Whereas, Section 89.19 of Chapter 64, Building Construction, provides for registration of all individuals and firms who desire to engage or work in the business of electrical work within the City; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council desire to modify the requirements, process, and fees for such registration to reflect and incorporate recent changes in the State of Maryland Board of Electricians' requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, as its duly constituted legislative body as follows:

Chapter 64, Section 89.19, is hereby amended as follows:

89.19 Registration Requirements. All individuals and firms who desire to engage or work in the business of electrical work within the City of Hagerstown are required to procure an electrical registration from the Department. It shall be unlawful for any person to do electrical work in the City of Hagerstown unless first registered to do so, as hereinafter provided, as a Master Electrician or Restricted Master Electrician or as a Journeyman or Apprentice that is employed directly under the immediate supervision of the master or restricted master electrician.

A. Required Documents. All electricians who desire to obtain a registration from the City shall be licensed with the State of Maryland Board of Electricians as a Master and Journeyman, or as a restricted Master with Washington County, or be an Apprentice accepted by a licensed Master Electrician for training and enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program.

All electricians must present their Maryland State license, or Washington County restricted license, or Apprenticeship employment and program documentation, together with their certificate of insurance as required by the state, a current government issued photo I.D., and payment of fees.

- B. Requirements for insurance. Prior to being issued a registration, each electrician shall file with the Planning & Code Administration Department proof of liability insurance coverage or surety in the amount as specified by the Maryland Board of Electricians conditioned to keep and save the City of Hagerstown harmless and free from any damages or expenses in connection with any work or act by a registered electrician performing electrical work in the City of Hagerstown.
- C. Registration period. The license period shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years and expire December 31 of the even calendar year.
- D. Registration fees. A bi-annual registration fee is required as set forth herein. If a registration has lapsed for more than thirty (30) days, the new rate applies. In addition to the bi-annual registration fee required herein, each applicant is required to pay a technology fee. The bi-annual registration fees are set forth below and include the \$40 technology fee:

| Master/Restricted Master | New: \$150.00 | Renew: \$125.00 |
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| Journeyman | New: \$95.00 | Renew: \$70.00 |

Apprentice

New: \$85.00

Renew: \$60.00

E. Use of name or registration by others. Any electrical firm, association or corporation may apply for and receive a master or restricted master electrician registration in the City of Hagerstown, provided that only one master or restricted master electrician be authorized to secure permits for that firm, association, or corporation. Only a registered master or restricted master electrician may apply for permits.

No electrician, electrical firm, association or corporation shall allow his/her or its name or registration to be used by any other person, firm, association or corporation for the purpose of obtaining electrical permits or for any purpose whatsoever. The re-assignment of a state license is not permitted.

- F. Supervision of work done. All electrical work done by any electrical firm, association or corporation so registered as provided for herein shall be executed by or under the immediate supervision of the registered member. A City of Hagerstown registered Master or Journeyman is required onsite at all times while electrical work is being performed.
- G. Suspension or revocation of registration. The code official may suspend or revoke any electrician's registration for failure to correct faulty, dangerous or improper work, performing electrical work without proper permits or for lending his/her name or registration to others for the purpose of obtaining electrical permits. The holder of said electrician registration may appeal the suspension or revocation to the Board of Code Appeals as outlined in Chapter 10, Article XIV, of the Code of the City of Hagerstown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) calendar days following its approval.

WITNESS AND ATTEST AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

Date of Introduction: Date of Passage: Effective Date: November 23, 2021 December 21, 2021 January 20, 2022 MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Emily Kelter, Mayor

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