

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25117	Agenda Number	56.
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Meeting Date:	6/6/2013	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending Sections 25-12-113 and 25-12-114 relating to requirements of the Electrical Code for registration, inspection, supervision, and suspension. THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON MAY 23, 2013.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	October 20, 2011 – Council adopted the 2011 National Electrical Code with local amendments. May 23, 2013 – Council conducted a public hearing and approved first reading.
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Boards and Commission Action:	March 6, 2013 – Unanimously approved by the Electric Board on a 6-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

The Electric Board recommends that the City Council adopt the draft code revision. The revision corrects typographical errors and clarifies the adopted Electric Code. Clarifications include the definition of Electrical Contractor and the City registration of Electrical Contractor, which will improve the quality and safety of electrical installation standards in Austin, as well as ensure that persons and businesses performing electrical work in Austin will be held to the same standard as trained and licensed electricians;

In November 2012 the Electric Board created a Work Group comprised of three board members, city staff, and stakeholders focused on creating code language for Austin to ensure life safety, create consistency, accountability, and compliance with the City Electrical Code amendments to the National Electrical Code;

The new language will impact contractors performing electrical work in Austin, and require contractor registration with the City Permit Center. The language will also impact the Building Inspections Division of Planning and Development Review Department who will enforce compliance.