

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 25-12 TO ADOPT THE 2015 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND REPEALING ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 25-12, THE 2006 UNIFORM SOLAR ENERGY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

**PART 1.** City Code Chapter 25-12 is amended to repeal Article 8 (Solar Code).

**PART 2.** § 2-1-161 - MECHANICAL, and PLUMBING, ~~AND SOLAR BOARD.~~

(A) The Mechanical, and Plumbing, ~~and Solar~~ Board should include members who are qualified by experience and training to consider matters pertaining to the installation and design of mechanical, and plumbing ~~and solar~~ systems. A City employee may not be a member.

- (1) The city council may appoint as members:
  - (a) a licensed air conditioning contractor;
  - (b) a licensed master plumber;
  - (c) a representative of the natural gas utility;
  - (d) a professional engineer; and
  - (e) a citizen of the City.
- (2) The building official shall serve as board secretary.

(B) The board shall hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relating to the application and interpretation of [Chapter 25-12](#), Article 5 (*Mechanical Code*), [Chapter 25-12](#), ~~and~~ Article 6 (*Plumbing Code*), ~~and~~ [Chapter 25-12](#), Article 8 (*Solar Code*).

(C) The board may not waive a requirement of the Mechanical Code, and Plumbing Code, ~~or Solar Code.~~

(D) The board shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant. Copies of all written decisions and findings shall be retained by the building official.

(E) An interested party aggrieved by the decision of the board may appeal the decision to the city council in accordance with the appeal procedures set forth in [Chapter 25-1](#) (*General Requirements And Procedures*).

(F) In addition to the information required to file an appeal under [Chapter 25-1](#) (*General Requirements And Procedures*), a notice of appeal filed under this subsection must include a statement containing facts which show that the decision

that forms the basis of the appeal was incorrect because it was inconsistent with a City ordinance or state law or because a finding of fact by the board was clearly contrary to the evidence before the board.

*Source: Ord. 20071129-011; Ord. 20111215-053.*

### **§ 2-1-142 - ELECTRIC BOARD.**

(A) The Electric Board membership may include an active licensed master electrician or contractor, an active licensed journeyman electrician, and an electrical engineer. A board member may not be a City employee. The building official shall serve as the secretary to the board.

(B) The board shall hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official relating to the application and interpretation of the Electrical Code. The board may not waive the requirements of the Electrical Code.

(C) The board shall render a decision in writing to the appellant not later than the 10th business day after the date the decision is rendered. The building official shall retain copies of all decisions. Failure to provide a written notice of decision to an appellant within the time period established in this section does not affect the validity of the decision.

**PART 3.** City Code Chapter 25-12 is amended to repeal Article 5 (*Mechanical Code*). and replace it with a new Article 5 to read as follows:

### ***ARTICLE 5. MECHANICAL CODE.***

#### **§ 25-12-131 MECHANICAL CODE.**

(A) The Uniform Mechanical Code, 2015 edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (2015 Mechanical Code) is adopted and incorporated into this section, including all appendices, with deletions and amendments in Subsection (B) of this section and Section 25-12-133 (*Local Amendments to the Mechanical Code*).