



ELECTRIC BOARD RECOMMENDATION 2017-08-16

3c is the agenda item number

Date: August 16, 2017

Subject: Registration of Electrical Contractors performing work within the Austin jurisdiction.

Recommendation(s)

3c) The Board strongly recommends, for the safety of the citizens of Austin, that the City of Austin continues to register Licensed Electric Contractors working within the jurisdiction.

Description of Recommendation to Council

After discussion over the effects of House Bill 3329 regarding municipalities not charging electrical contractor registration, the Electric Board strongly recommends, for the safety of the citizens of Austin, that the City of Austin continues to register Licensed Electric Contractors working within the jurisdiction, regardless if a fee is charged for the registration.

Rationale:

The Board consists of stakeholders and business owners in the community and believe Austin should continue the registration process.

Motioned By: David Johnson

Seconded By: Robert Bowne

Vote 7-0


For: Board Chair Randy Pomikahl, Vice-Chair David Johnson, Delwin Goss, Robert Bowne, David Dixon, Matt Friestman, and Mark Weaver.

Against: N/A

Abstain:

Absent: Gabriel Flores, Robert Schmidt, Michael Portnoy, Jacob Pereira.

Attest:



Julie Kirby, Board Liaison

H.B. No. 3329

AN ACT

relating to regulation of electricians by local governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1305.201, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not prohibit a municipality or region from regulating electricians or residential appliance installers by:

- (1) enacting an ordinance requiring inspections;
- (2) offering examinations;
- (3) issuing municipal or regional licenses; or
- (4) collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations appliance installers for work performed in the municipality or region.

(f) A municipality or region may not collect a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. This subsection does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.