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ORDINANCE NO. 25-021
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
REPEALING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2020 EDITION,
REPEALING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2022
EDITION, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-007 AND ADOPTING BY
REFERENCE THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2023 EDITION
AND THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2025 EDITION WITH
AMENDMENTS THERETO.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange, California does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Division 2 of Title 7 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Article 1 is hereby added to Division 2 of Title 7 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL
ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE AND
AMENDMENTS THERETO

Section 7-2-1. Adoption of the National Electrical Code and the California Electrical Code.

- a. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange hereby adopts the National Electrical Code, 2023 Edition and the California Electrical Code, 2025 Edition, including the Appendix thereto, except such portions as are deleted, modified, or amended in this Article.
- b. The purpose of the codes is to prescribe regulations for the installation and maintenance of electric conductors and equipment.
- c. Not less than one (1) copy of each has been made and is now filed in the office of the OC Public Works. They are hereby adopted and incorporated as if set forth at length herein.

Section 7-2-2. Section 90-4 amended.

Section 90-4. ENFORCEMENT. This Code is intended to be suitable for mandating application by

1 the OC Public Works over electrical installations within unincorporated territory of the County and
 2 County-owned buildings, except work located in a public way and hydraulic flood control structures. The
 3 Building Official of the County of Orange shall have the authority for enforcement of the Code and the
 4 responsibility for making interpretations of the rules, for deciding upon the approval of equipment,
 5 materials and wiring methods as set forth in the National Electrical Code, and for granting the special
 6 permission contemplated in a number of the rules.

7 Whenever the term "authority having jurisdiction" is used in this Code, it shall mean the "Building
 8 Official" of the County of Orange.

9 The Building Official may waive specific requirements in this Code or permit alternate methods,
 10 where it is assured that equivalent objectives can be achieved by establishing and maintaining effective
 11 safety.

12 This Code may require new products, constructions, or materials which may not yet be available
 13 at the time the Code is adopted. In such event, the Building Official may permit the use of the products,
 14 constructions, or materials which comply with the most recent previous edition of this Code adopted by
 15 the jurisdiction.

16 Section 7-2-3. Section 90-10 added.

17 Section 90-10. APPLICATION TO EXISTING ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.

18 (a) Additions, Alterations or Repairs. Additions, alterations or repairs may be made to an
 19 electrical system and equipment without requiring the existing electrical system and
 20 equipment to comply with all the requirements of this Code, provided the addition,
 21 alternation or repair conforms to that required for a new electrical system and equipment
 22 and provided further that no hazard to life, health or safety will be created by such
 23 additions, alterations or repairs.

24 Additions or alterations shall not be made to an existing electrical system or equipment
 25 which will cause the existing electrical system or equipment to be in violation of the
 26 provisions of this Code nor shall such additions or alterations cause the existing electrical

1 system or equipment to become unsafe. An unsafe condition shall be deemed to have been
2 created if an addition or alternation will create a fire hazard, will reduce required fire
3 resistance, will cause the electrical system or equipment to become overloaded or exceed
4 their rated capacities, will create a health hazard or will otherwise create conditions
5 dangerous to human life.

6 Minor additions, alterations and repairs to existing electrical system and equipment may be
7 made in accordance with the law in effect at the time the original installation was made,
8 when approved by the Building Official.

9 (b) Existing Installations. Electrical systems and equipment lawfully in existence at the time of
10 the adoption of this Code may have their use, maintenance or repair continued if the use,
11 maintenance or repair is in accordance with the original design and a hazard to life, health
12 or property has not been created by such electrical system and equipment.

13 (c) Changes in Building Occupancy. Electrical system and equipment which are a part of any
14 building or structure undergoing a change in use or occupancy, as defined in the Building
15 Code, shall comply with the requirements of this Code which are applicable to the new use
16 or occupancy.

17 (d) Maintenance. All electrical system and equipment, both existing and new, and all parts
18 thereof shall be maintained in a proper operating condition in accordance with the original
19 design and in a safe and hazard-free condition. All devices and safeguards which are
20 required by this Code shall be maintained in conformance with this Code. The owner or
21 designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of the electrical system and
22 equipment. To determine compliance with this section, the Building Official may cause an
23 electrical system to be re-inspected.

24 (e) Moved Buildings. Electrical systems and equipment which are a part of buildings or
25 structures moved into or within this jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this Code
26 for new installations.

1 Section 7-2-4. Section 90-11 added.

2 Section 90-11. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES REQUIRED.

3 (a) The Building Official shall, as a condition precedent to the issuance of a Building Permit,
4 require all utility services located within the exterior boundary lines of lot or parcel of
5 property to be installed underground if:

6 (1) The property is to be developed with a new or relocated main building;

7 (2) The remodeling, alteration, or addition to an existing main building, exceeds 50
8 percent of the value and/or area of the existing building;

9 (3) A residential building or use is converted to any nonresidential use or purpose.

10 For purposes of this section, the term "main building" shall mean a building in which is conducted
11 the principal use of the lot or building site on which it is located.

12 The owner or developer of the property is responsible for complying with the requirements of this
13 section and shall provide all necessary facilities on the property to receive such service from the
14 supplying utilities.

15 If it is determined that practical difficulties, or unreasonable hardships inconsistent with the
16 purposes of this chapter and unique to a particular parcel of property, would result from the literal
17 interpretation of this section, the Building Official may waive, modify or delay the imposition of any
18 underground requirement imposed pursuant to this section upon written application of any affected
19 property owner. The Building Official shall notify the applicant of his decision in writing by certified mail.
20 If the Building Official determines to delay the installation of required underground utilities, he may
21 require a recorded agreement guaranteeing the future performance of the work, together with adequate
22 performance security enforceable by the County in the form of a cash deposit, bond, letter of credit, or
23 other instrument satisfactory to the County Counsel.

24 For purposes of this section, appurtenances and associated equipment such as, but not limited to,
25 surface-mounted transformers, pedestal-mounted terminal boxes and meter cabinets, and concealed
26 ducts in an underground system, may be placed above ground.

1 Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Building Official may file an appeal with the Board
2 of Supervisors within fifteen (15) days after the decision of the Building Official is deposited in the mail
3 by filing a written statement setting forth the reasons for said appeal with the County Clerk. The Board
4 of Supervisors may overrule, modify, or affirm the decision of the Building Official.

5 Section 7-2-5. Section 90-12 added.

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7 Section 90-12. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

8 In the event of any differences between the California Code and the National Code, the text of
9 the California Code shall govern. Where a specific provision varies from a general provision, the specific
10 provision shall apply.

11 When, in any specific case, different sections of this Code specify different materials, methods of
12 construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

13 Section 7-2-6. Section 90-13 added.

14 Section 90-13. ALTERNATE MATERIALS, METHOD OF DESIGN AND METHODS OF
15 CONSTRUCTION.

- 16 (a) The provisions of this Code are not intended to prevent the use of any material, method of
17 design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Code, provided an
18 alternate has been approved and its use authorized by the Building Official.

19 The Building Official may approve an alternate, provided the Building Official finds that the
20 proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of this Code and that the
21 material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of the
22 prescribed in this Code in suitability, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and
23 safety.

24 The Building Official shall require that sufficient evidence or proof be submitted to
25 substantiate claims that may be made regarding its use. The details of an action granting
26 approval of an alternate shall be recorded and entered in the files of the code enforcement

1 agency.

2 (b) Modifications. Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the
3 provisions of this Code, the Building Official may grant modifications for individual cases.
4 The Building Official shall first find that a special individual reason makes the strict letter of
5 this Code impractical and the modification is in conformity with the intent and purpose of
6 this Code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire-safety
7 requirements. The details of actions granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in
8 the files of the code enforcement agency.

9 (c) Tests. Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this Code
10 or evidence that materials or construction do not conform to the requirements of this Code,
11 the Building Official may require tests as evidence of compliance to be made at no expense
12 to this jurisdiction.

13 Test methods shall be as specified by this Code or by other recognized test standards. In
14 the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the Building Official shall determine
15 test procedures.

16 All tests shall be made by an approved agency. Reports of such tests shall be retained by
17 the Building Official for the period required for the retention of public records.

18 Section 7-2-7. Section 90-14 added.

19 Section 90-14. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIAL.

20 (a) General. The Building Official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions
21 of this Code. For such purposes, the Building Official shall have the powers of a law
22 enforcement officer.

23 The Building Official shall have the power to render interpretations of this Code and to
24 adopt and enforce rules and regulations supplemental to this Code as may be deemed
25 necessary in order to clarify the application of the provisions of this Code. Such
26 interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in conformity with the intent and purpose of

1 this Code.

2 (b) Deputies. In accordance with prescribed procedures and with the approval of the appointed
3 authority, the Building Official may appoint a chief electrical inspector and other related
4 technical officers and inspectors and other employees as shall be authorized from time to
5 time.

6 (c) Right of Entry. When necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of
7 this Code, or when the Building Official has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in
8 any building or upon a premises a condition which is contrary to or in violation of this Code
9 which makes the building or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the Building Official
10 may enter the building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect or to perform the
11 duties imposed by this Code, provided that if such building or premises be occupied, that
12 credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such building or premises
13 be unoccupied, the Building Official shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner
14 or other persons having charge or control of the building or premises and request entry.
15 Should entry be refused, the Building Official shall have recourse to the remedies provided
16 by law to secure entry.

17 (d) Stop Orders. When work is being done contrary to the provisions of this Code, the Building
18 Official may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on persons engaged in the
19 doing or causing such work to be done, and such persons shall forthwith stop such work
20 until authorized by the Building Official to proceed with the work.

21 (e) Authority to Disconnect Utilities. The Building Official or the Building Official's authorized
22 representative shall have the authority to disconnect a utility service or energy supplied to
23 the building, structure or building service equipment therein regulated by this Code or the
24 technical codes in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to
25 life or property. The Building Official shall whenever possible notify the serving utility, the
26 owner and occupant of the building, structure or building service equipment of the decision

1 to disconnect prior to taking such action, and shall notify such serving utility, owner and
2 occupant of the building, structure or building service equipment, in writing, of such
3 disconnection immediately thereafter.

- 4 (f) Authority to Condemn Building Service Equipment. When the Building Official ascertains that
5 building service equipment regulated in the technical codes has become hazardous to life,
6 health or property, or has become insanitary, the Building Official shall order in writing that
7 such equipment either be removed or restored to a safe or sanitary condition, as
8 appropriate. The written notice itself shall fix a time limit for compliance with such order.
9 Defective building service equipment shall not be maintained after receiving such notice.
10 When such equipment or installation is to be disconnected, a written notice of such
11 disconnection and causes therefor shall be given within 24 hours to the serving utility, the
12 owner and occupant of such building, structure or premises.

13 When any building service equipment is maintained in violation of the technical codes and in
14 violation of a notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Building Official
15 shall institute appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation.

- 16 (g) Connection after Order to Disconnect. Persons shall not make connections from an energy,
17 fuel or power supply nor supply energy or fuel to building service equipment which has
18 been disconnected or ordered to be disconnected by the Building Official or the use of which
19 has been ordered to be discontinued by the Building Official until the Building Official
20 authorizes the reconnection and use of such equipment.

- 21 (h) Liability. The Building Official charged with the enforcement of this Code and the technical
22 codes, acting in good faith and without malice in the discharge of his duties, shall not
23 thereby be rendered personally liable for damage that may accrue to persons or property as
24 a result of an act or omission in the discharge of the assigned duties. A suit brought against
25 the Building Official or employee because of such act or omission performed by the Building
26 Official or employee in the enforcement of the provisions of such codes or other pertinent

1 laws or ordinances implemented through the enforcement of this Code or enforced by the
2 code enforcement agency shall be defended by this jurisdiction until final termination of
3 such proceedings, and any judgment resulting therefrom shall be assumed by this
4 jurisdiction.

5 This Code shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person
6 owning, operating or controlling a building, structure or building service equipment therein
7 for damages to persons or property caused by defects, nor shall the code enforcement
8 agency or its parent jurisdiction be held as assuming such liability by reason of the
9 inspections authorized by this Code or permits or certificates issued under this Code.

- 10 (i) Cooperation of Other Officials and Officers. The Building Official may request, and shall
11 receive, the assistance and cooperation of other officials of this jurisdiction so far as is
12 required in the discharge of the duties required by this Code or other pertinent laws or
13 ordinances.

14 Section 7-2-8. Section 90-15 added.

15 Section 90-15. UNSAFE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OR EQUIPMENT.

16 Electrical systems or equipment regulated by this Code which are unsafe, or which constitute a
17 fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life are, for the purpose of this section, unsafe. Use of
18 electrical systems or equipment regulated by this Code constituting a hazard to safety, health or public
19 welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, disaster damage
20 or abandonment is, for the purpose of this section, an unsafe use.

21 Unsafe electrical systems or equipment are hereby declared to be public nuisances and shall be
22 abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in
23 Section 7-1-16-UNSAFE BUILDING, NUISANCE, and NOTICE. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, APPEAL – of
24 the Orange County Codified Ordinances. As an alternative, the Building Official or other employee or
25 official of this jurisdiction as designated by the governing body may institute other appropriate action to
26 prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation.

1 Section 7-2-9. Section 90-16 added.

2 Section 90-16. PERMITS.

3 (a) Required Permits. No electrical equipment shall be installed nor electrical work performed
4 within or on any building, structure or premises, publicly or privately owned, in the unincorporated area
5 of Orange County, nor shall any alteration or addition be made in any such existing equipment without
6 securing a permit therefor, before such work is commenced, from the Building Official except as
7 provided in this Article and except that no permit will be required to execute any of the following classes
8 of electrical work:

9 (1) Minor repair work, such as the replacement of lamps and connection of portable
10 electrical equipment to suitable permanently installed receptacles.

11 (2) Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformers or fixed approved appliances of the
12 same type and rating in the same location.

13 (3) Temporary decorative lighting.

14 (4) Repair or replacement of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor or control
15 device.

16 (5) Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefor.

17 (6) Repair or replacement of any overcurrent device of the required capacity in the same
18 location.

19 (7) Repair or replacement of electrodes or transformers of the same size and capacity for
20 signs or gas tube systems.

21 (8) Taping joints.

22 (9) Removal of electrical wiring.

23 (10) Temporary wiring for experimental purposes in suitable experimental laboratories.

24 (11) The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets.

25 (12) Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than
26 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.

1 (13) Low-energy power, control and signal circuits of Class II and Class III as defined in
2 this Code.

3 (14) Installations used by electrical supply, railway or communication utilities in the
4 exercise on their function as a utility, and work located primarily in a public way.

5 (15) The installation, alteration or repair of electrical equipment installed by or for an
6 electrical supply agency for the use of such agency in the generation, transmission, distribution or
7 metering of electricity.

8 (16) The installation of radio controlled relays on privately-owned air conditioning
9 equipment and electric heaters designed for the purposes of energy conservation through utility
10 company established electrical load management programs provided that:

11 (A) Prior to installation, the OC Public Works/Building Inspection Division shall
12 approve the specifications for the installation of the relays;

13 (B) The relay devices shall be tested and labeled by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.;

14 (C) The relay devices shall be installed and maintained by the serving utility
15 company or its contractors.

16 (17) Other incidental work of a minor nature may be exempt from the provisions of this
17 Code upon the determination of the Building Official.

18 Exemption from the permit requirements of this Code shall not be deemed to grant
19 authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this Code or any
20 other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

21 (b) Application. Application for a permit to perform the work shall be made in writing to the OC
22 Public Works, describing said work Plans, calculations of load for service, feeders and branch circuits,
23 specifications and schedules may be required to determine whether the installation as described will be
24 in conformity with the requirements of the Code. If it is found that the installation as described will
25 conform to all legal requirements, and if the applicant has complied with the provisions of this Code, a
26 permit for such installation shall be issued. No deviation may be made from the installation described in

1 the permit and plan without the written approval of the Building Official.

2 (c) Issuance. It shall be the duty of the Building Official to issue permits for electrical
3 installations and wiring under the provisions of this Code when the applicant for such permit shall have
4 complied with all of the requirements hereof.

5 (d) Annual Permits. In lieu of an individual electrical permit for each installation or alteration on
6 commercial or industrial buildings, an annual permit may be issued to any person, firm or corporation
7 for the purpose of installing, altering and maintaining electrical wiring or equipment in or on buildings or
8 premises owned or occupied by the applicant for such permits. The application for this annual permit
9 shall be made in writing to the OC Public Works, and shall contain description of the premises on which
10 the work is to be done under the permit. Within fifteen (15) days following the end of each calendar
11 month, the person, firm or corporation to which an annual permit has been issued shall transmit to the
12 OC Public Works a duplicate copy of the record of electrical work done.

13 (e) Expiration. Every permit issued by the Building Official under the provisions of this Code
14 shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the building or work authorized by such permit is
15 not commenced within twelve months from the date of such permit, or if the building or work
16 authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a
17 period of one hundred eighty (180) days. Before such work can be commenced or recommenced, a
18 permit shall first be extended or re-issued.

19 (1) Requesting extension of an unexpired permit: Any permittee holding an unexpired
20 permit or a permit which has expired for less than 180 days may apply for an extension of time within
21 which permittee may commence work under that permit when he/she is unable to commence or
22 recommence work within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The
23 Building Official may extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding one
24 hundred eighty (180) days upon written request by the permittee showing that circumstances beyond
25 the control of the permittee have prevented action from being taken. Permits extended in this manner
26 shall not be subject to new regulations adopted after issuance of the permit. Fees for time extension

1 shall be as established by the Board of Supervisors.

2 (2) Requesting re-issuance of a permit which has been expired for 180 days or more: Any
3 permittee holding a permit which has been expired for 180 days or more may apply for re-issuance of
4 the permit subject to compliance with current regulations and payment of full plan check and permit
5 fees. Plans must be re-submitted for plan check. Portions of the structure which have been built under
6 the expired permit shall not be subject to current regulations.

7 (3) For the purpose of permit extension or renewal, multiple permits of the same structure
8 such as building, foundation, retaining wall, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permits shall be
9 considered as one permit. Extension of building permit shall include extension of ancillary permits of the
10 same structure. Each separate permit with work completed inspected and approved entirely prior to
11 suspension or abandonment shall not be subject to extension or re-issuance.

12 (f) Change of Contractor or of Ownership. A permit issued hereunder shall expire upon a
13 change of ownership or a change of contractor regarding the building, structure or grading for which
14 said permit was issued if the work thereon has not been completed, and a new permit shall be required
15 for the completion of the work. If the provisions of section (e) above are not applicable and if no
16 changes have been made to the plans and specifications last submitted to the Building Official, no
17 charge, other than a "name change" and a permit issuance fee, shall be made for the issuance of the
18 new permit under such circumstances. If, however, changes have been made to the plans and
19 specifications last submitted to the Building Official, a fee as established by the Board of Supervisors
20 shall be charged to the permit application.

21 Section 7-2-10. Section 90-17 added.

22 Section 90-17. FEES AND PLAN REVIEW.

23 (a) Fees shall be established by the Board of Supervisors.

24 (b) The fees required in this section must be paid for each electrical installation for which a
25 permit is required by this Code.

26 (c) No permit shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation unless fees for permits or

1 additions to permits are paid in full. When an electrical plan is required to be submitted, a plan check
2 fee shall be paid at the time of submittal.

3 (d) Expiration of Plan Review. Application for which no permit is issued within 180 days following
4 the date of application shall expire by limitation, and plans and other data submitted for review may
5 thereafter be returned to the applicant or destroyed by the Building Official. The Building Official may
6 extend the time for action by the applicant for a period of 180 days on request by the applicant showing
7 that circumstances beyond the control of the applicant have prevented action from being taken. No
8 application shall be extended more than once unless approved by the Building Official. In order to
9 renew action on an application after expiration, the applicant shall resubmit plans and pay a new plan
10 review fee.

11 (e) Additional Plan Review Fees. Where plans are incomplete or changed so as to require
12 additional plan checking, an additional plan checking fee as established by the Board of Supervisors
13 shall be paid. Said fee may be waived when in the opinion of the Building Official the additional fee is
14 not warranted.

15 (f) Failure to take out a permit and to pay fees therefor before commencing work shall be
16 deemed a violation of this Code, except when it can be proven to the satisfaction of the Building Official
17 that an emergency existed which made it impractical to first obtain the permit. Double the amount of
18 fees shall be assessed for work commenced before a permit is issued. Payment of a double fee shall not
19 relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of this Code nor from any other penalties
20 prescribed herein.

21 (g) Investigation Fee. An investigation fee as established by the Board of Supervisors may be
22 charged by the Building Official whenever work for which a permit is required by this Code has been
23 commenced without first obtaining said permit, except in the case of emergency work. This fee shall be
24 paid and the investigation shall be made prior to the issuance of any permit for said work. An
25 investigation fee may be charged for any investigation of a building, structure, work reports, certification
26 or any other related work requested by an owner or authorized agent of such owner.

1 (h) Fees for Annual Permits shall be paid at the time such permits are issued. In addition, fees
2 for all new work installed under such permit since the date of the previous inspection shall be paid, in
3 accordance with the fee schedule at the time the annual permit is issued.

4 (i) Fees for Additional Inspections shall be as established by the Board of Supervisors.

5 (j) Fee Refunds. The Building Official may authorize refunding of any fee paid hereunder which
6 was erroneously paid or collected.

7 (k) Validity of Permit. The issuance of a permit or approval of plans, specifications and
8 computations shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the
9 provisions of this Code, or of any other ordinance of the jurisdiction. Permits presuming to give
10 authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this Code or other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not
11 be valid.

12 The issuance of a permit based upon plans, specifications and other data shall not prevent
13 the Building Official from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans, specifications and
14 other data, or from preventing building operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of
15 these codes or of any other ordinances of this jurisdiction.

16 (l) Suspension or Revocation. The Building Official may, in writing, suspend or revoke a permit
17 issued under the provisions of this Code when the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect
18 information supplied, or in violation of an ordinance or regulation or the provisions of this Code.

19 Section 7-2-11. Section 90-18 added.

20 Section 90-18. INSPECTION.

21 (a) General. All electrical systems and equipment for which a permit is required shall be subject
22 to inspection by the Building Official, and the electrical system shall remain accessible and exposed for
23 inspection purposes until approved by the Building Official.

24 Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation
25 of the provisions of this Code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give
26 authority to violate or cancel provisions of this Code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not

1 be valid.

2 It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the electrical system to remain
3 accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Neither the Building Official nor the jurisdiction shall be
4 liable for the expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to permit
5 inspection. When the installation of electrical system and equipment is complete, an additional and final
6 inspection shall be made. Electrical systems and equipment regulated by this Code shall not be
7 connected to the energy source until authorized by the Building Official.

8 (b) Inspection Requests. It shall be the duty of the person doing the work authorized by a
9 permit to notify the Building Official that such work is ready for inspection. The Building Official may
10 require that every request for inspection be filed at least one working day before such inspection is
11 desired. Such request may be in writing, by telephone or by Internet, at the option of the Building
12 Official.

13 It shall be the duty of the person requesting any inspection required by this Code to provide
14 access to and means for inspection of such work.

15 (c) Other Inspections. In addition to the called inspections required by this Code, the Building
16 Official may make or require other inspections of any work to ascertain compliance with the provisions
17 of this Code and other laws which are enforced by the code enforcement agency.

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19 Section 7-2-12. Section 90-19 added.

20 HEARING OFFICIAL. The Hearing Official as established by Section 7-1-23 of the Codified
21 Ordinances shall determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and
22 provide for reasonable interpretations of the provisions of this Code.

23 Section 7-2-13. Section 90-20 added.

24 Section 90-20. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this
25 Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a
26 separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the

1 provisions of the Code is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation
2 such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) or by
3 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

4 In addition to the provisions of the subsection above, a notice of violation of this Code may be
5 recorded in accordance with subsection 1 through 6 of Section 7-1-24 of the Orange County Codified
6 Ordinances.

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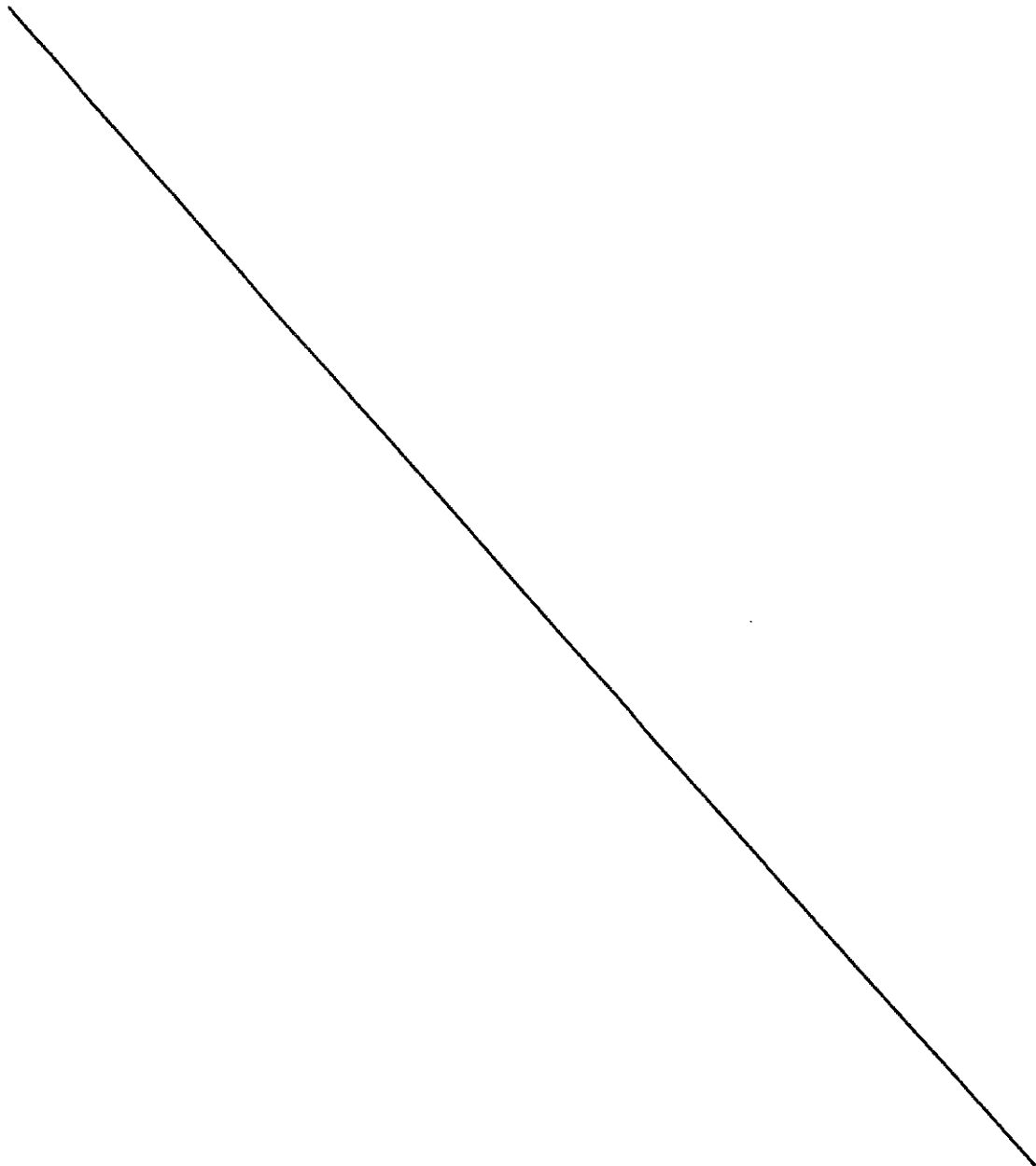
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This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty days from and after its passage. This ordinance shall be published once in an adjudicated newspaper in the County of Orange within fifteen days of its passage.

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors on November 04, 2025, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: KATRINA FOLEY, DONALD P. WAGNER, JANET NGUYEN
VICENTE SARMIENTO, DOUG CHAFFEE

NOES:
EXCUSED:
ABSTAINED:



CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.



ROBIN STIELER
Clerk of the Board
County of Orange, State of California



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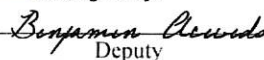


I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Orange County, State of California

Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

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