

ORDINANCE NO. 99-23

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE HERNANDO COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE: PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 1999 EDITION; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 230; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERANCE OF PARTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 1999 EDITION AND ALL APPENDIXES

There is hereby adopted by the County of Hernando, for the purposes of establishing and prescribing rules and regulations for safeguarding persons and buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radios, signaling and for other purposes, that certain electrical code known as the National Electrical Code, as recommended by the National Electrical Code Committee of the National Fire Protection Association, a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization, with its principal offices at Boston, Massachusetts, being particularly the 1999 Edition and all Appendices, and that same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth in haec verba, and from the date upon which this division shall take effect the provisions thereof shall be controlling over all electrical work consisting of the installation, extension, repair, alteration, maintenance and removal of all electrical wiring, devices and appliances for light, heat or power within the county, including the management and control of all electrical devices installed by the county or any other person, persons, firms, corporations, partnerships or other entities.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

Refer to the Standard Building Code, 1997 Edition, Chapter 1 - Administration as modified by County Ordinance No. 98-7.

SECTION 3. MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 230 OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 1999 EDITION

Article 230 of the National Electric Code is hereby modified by amending Subsection 230-70(a) to read as follows:

230-70(a) Location.

The service disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location either outside of a building or structure or inside nearest the point of entrance of the service conductors.

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Except in one and two family dwellings, the service disconnecting means shall be installed at the exterior of the building or structure in close proximity to the meter location.

Exception: The service disconnecting means can be installed inside the building or structure nearest the point of entrance of the service conductors provided a shunt trip switch is installed at the exterior of the building at a readily accessible location. The shunt trip switch, when installed should be between six (6) feet and six feet seven inches (6'7") above finish grade. A sign constructed of permanent materials with no less than 1-1/2" high letters designating "Shunt Trip – Main Disconnect" shall be located on the exterior of the building or structure, and approximately one foot (1') above and one foot (1') to one side of the shunt trip mechanism.

Service disconnecting means shall not be installed in bathrooms.

SECTION 4. SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding the provisions of The National Electrical Code (NEC), the following supplemental rules and regulations shall supersede any provisions of the NEC in conflict therewith; and the same are hereby fixed and prescribed for the doing of electrical work within the unincorporated areas of Hernando County.

- A. All metered water pump poles shall be provided with not more than a 60 amp service, and shall have a panel with no more than two circuits.
- B. All wood meter poles shall be creosote or pressure treated lumber, and shall be a minimum of six inches by six inches or equivalent diameter at meter base.
- C. Branch circuit wiring for all commercial installations shall be minimum No. 12 copper.
- D. No electric line of any type or voltage will pass over any metal enclosure.
- E. Areas subject to flooding may have only a main electrical disconnect, electrical service for pool equipment, and one (1), three (3)-way switch for stairway, and one (1) GFI protected outlet per NFPA 70 located below flood level. All exterior doors located below base flood elevation (BFE), shall have a light and switch, per NFPA 70.
- F. Except for testing by an electrical contractor, dwellings shall not be connected to any electrical source during construction.
- G. All commercial buildings shall have illumination for parking lots.
- H. One smoke detector shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and one smoke detector shall be installed in each sleeping room. The smoke detectors shall be hard wired with battery back-up per NFPA 72, and must be interconnected. See Section 2-2.1.1.1 NFPA 72 for additional requirements.

SECTION 5. SEVERANCE OF PARTS

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or other part or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 6. REPEALER CLAUSE

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, those previously enacted ordinances and amendments thereto which regulate the construction activities addressed by this ordinance, namely Hernando County Ordinance No. 98-11 and subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES

Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided for herein. The Director or his authorized representative shall issue notice to all entities violating any provision of this ordinance and shall order that such violations cease. Should any entity fail to comply with such notice, or order, the Governing Body or its authorized official may institute appropriate action to bring such entity before a court of law for adjudication. Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned or both fined and imprisoned, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 125.69 of the Florida Statutes.

SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2000.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 19th day of October, 1999, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest Karen Nicolai
KAREN NICOLAI, CLERK

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PAT NOVY, CHAIRMAN