

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2016-10**

**BILL NO. 2016-11**

**Title of Bill:** Amendment - Electrical Code

**Synopsis:** A Bill to amend certain provisions of the National Electric Code, as adopted pursuant to Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, Electrical Standards, Article I (General Provisions), Section 191-2 (Adoption of National Electric Code).

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on:** May 17, 2016

**Public hearing scheduled for:** June 21, 2016 at: 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** July 5, 2016

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**Public Hearing**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by \_\_\_\_\_ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on \_\_\_\_\_, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_, and concluded on\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**Explanation:** CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT  
~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing document  
Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language stricken from document by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Cecil County Charter (the “Charter”), the County  
 2 Executive (the “Executive”) shall see that the affairs of the executive branch are administered properly and  
 3 efficiently, and that employees of the executive branch faithfully perform their duties; and

4           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive  
 5 include, but are not limited to: (a) Supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the executive  
 6 branch and ensuring that County employees as well as County boards and commissions faithfully perform  
 7 their duties; and, (b) preparing and submitting to the Council the annual County Budget; and

8           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 191, of the Cecil County Code, there is an Electrical Standards  
 9 Ordinance; and

10           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, Electrical Standards, Article I (General  
 11 Provisions), Section 191-2 (Adoption of National Electric Code), the County has adopted the National  
 12 Electric Code; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Director of the Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning, together with the  
 14 Cecil County Electrical Board, has recommended amendments, insertions, and deletions to the National  
 15 Electric Code adopted pursuant to Chapter 191 of the Cecil County Code, as more fully set forth herein; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted the amendments set forth herein to the County  
 17 Council for consideration and approval.

18           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**

19 **MARYLAND**, that the National Electric Code adopted under Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, Electrical  
 20 Standards, Article I (General Provisions), Section 191-2 (Adoption of National Electric Code) is amended as  
 21 follows:

22 **Article 701 Legally Required Standby Systems**

23 **701.3 Tests and Maintenance.**

24 ~~A) Conduct and witness testing. The authority having jurisdiction shall conduct or witness a~~  
 25 ~~test of the complete system upon installation.~~

26 ~~B) A) Tested periodically. Systems shall be tested periodically on a schedule and in a manner~~  
 27 ~~acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction to ensure that the systems are~~  
 28 maintained in proper operating condition.

29 ~~C) B) Battery systems maintenance. Where batteries are used for control, starting, or~~  
 30 ignition of prime movers, ~~the authority having jurisdiction~~ SAID BATTERIES shall require

31 periodic maintenance, TESTING AND DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH MAINTENANCE.

32 ~~D) C)~~ Written record. A written record shall be kept ON SITE AND AVAILABLE of such test  
33 and maintenance.

34 **Article 708 Critical Operations Power Systems.**

35 **708.4 Risk Assessment**

36 C) Developing Mitigation Strategy. Based on the results of the risk assessment, a strategy  
37 shall be developed, DOCUMENTED and implemented to mitigate the hazards that have  
38 not been sufficiently mitigated by the prescribed requirements of this code.

39 **708.6 Testing and Maintenance.**

40 ~~A) Conduct or Witness Test, The authority having jurisdiction shall conduct or witness a test  
41 of the complete system upon installation and periodically afterward.~~

42 ~~B) A)~~ Testing Periodically. Systems shall be tested periodically on a schedule ESTABLISHED  
43 AND DOCUMENTED to ensure ALL systems are maintained in a proper operating condition.

44 ~~C) B) The authority having jurisdiction shall require a~~ A documented preventive maintenance  
45 program for critical operations power systems SHALL BE KEPT ON SITE AND AVAILABLE FOR  
46 INSPECTION UPON REQUEST.

47 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it  
48 becomes law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

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BY: Council Manager