

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2024-04**

BILL NO. 2024-09

Title of Bill: Amendment – Electrical Standards

Synopsis: A Bill to amend Chapter 191 (Electrical Standards) of the Code of Cecil County by amending local electrician licensing requirements in accordance with state law; amending the references to the from Department to Division of Permits & Inspections; and amending references to from the Board of Electrical Examiners to Board of Electricians.

Introduced By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: February 20, 2024

Public hearing scheduled on: March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Scheduled for consideration: April 2, 2024

BY: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by February 20, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd. Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on March 6, 2024 and March 13, 2024 a public hearing was held on March 19, 2024 and concluded on March 19, 2024.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
~~Strikethrough~~ indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment.
~~Double strikethrough~~ indicates language stricken out of Bill by amendment.

WHEREAS, Title 6 of Business Occupation and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a licensing program for individuals who provide or assist providing electrical services, in order to safeguard the life, health, property and public welfare of the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, Business Occupation and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland was amended for the purpose of generally relating to the State Board of Electricians, the licensing and regulation of electricians, and altering the powers and duties of local jurisdiction relating to electricians as enacted in Chapter 708 of 2021 Laws of Maryland; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive include, but are not limited to: (a) Supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the executive branch and ensuring that County employees as well as County boards and commissions faithfully perform their duties; and, (e) recommending to the Council such measures for legislative action that the Executive may consider to be in the best interests of the County; and

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

WHEREAS, the County has adopted the National Electric Code, codified as Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, and

WHEREAS, the Chief, Permits and Inspections Division, Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services, together with the Cecil County Electrical Board, have recommended amendments, insertions, and deletions to Chapter 191 of the Cecil County Code, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the National Electric Code adopted under Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, Electrical Standards, is amended as follows:

Article I General Provisions

§ 191-1. Purpose

No changes

§ 191-2. Adoption of the National Electric Code

~~A. For the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the installation, renewal, extension and reception of electrical wiring and electrical apparatus in new and existing buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays and signs, or in the construction, reconstruction, alteration or repair of buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays or signs, that certain code known as the "National Electrical Code," as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, being particularly the current edition thereof and the whole thereof, hereinafter referred to as the "National Electrical Code," is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein; and from the date on which this chapter takes effect, the provisions thereof and all amendments thereto shall be controlling for all existing and future electrical wiring and apparatus in buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays or signs within the corporate limits of Cecil County, Maryland.~~ THE STATE OF MARYLAND IS THE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE (NEX) NFPA-70. THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ) IN CECIL COUNTY WILL BEGIN ENFORCING THE EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE UPON THE STATE'S ADOPTION.

A. NEW INSTALLATIONS. THIS CODE APPLIES TO NEW INSTALLATION WITH CONSTRUCTION PERMITS DATED AFTER ADOPTION OF THIS CODE.

B. EXISTING INSTALLATIONS. EXISTING INSTALLATIONS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED CODE SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN USE UNLESS THE (AHJ) DETERMINES THAT THE LACK OF CONFORMITY WITH THE ADOPTED CODE PRESENTS AN EMINENT DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS. WHERE CHANGES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CORRECTIONS OF HAZARDS, A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME SHALL BE GIVEN FOR COMPLIANCE, DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF HAZARD.

C. ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, OR REPAIRS. ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS TO ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR PREMISE SHALL CONFROM TO THAT REQUIRED OF A NEW BUILDING WITHOUT REQUIRING THE EXISTIN BUILDING TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADOPTED CODE. ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, OR REPAIRS SHALL NOT CAUSE AN EXISTING BUILDING TO BECOME UNSAFE OR TO ADVERSLY AFFECT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BUILDING AS DETERMINED BT THE (AHJ). ELECTRICAL WIRING ADDED TO AN EXISTING SERVICE, FEEDER OR BRANCH CIRCUIT SHALL NOT RESULT IN AN INSTALLATION THAT VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED CODE AT THE TIME THE ADDITIONS WERE MADE.

~~B. D. Amendments, insertions~~ CLARIFICATIONS, and deletions.

~~Article 701 Legally Required Standby Systems.~~

~~701.3 Tests and Maintenance.~~

~~A) Tested periodically. Systems shall be tested periodically on a schedule and in a manner to ensure that the systems are maintained in proper operating condition.~~

~~B) Battery systems maintenance. Where batteries are used for control, starting, or ignition of prime movers, said batteries shall require periodic maintenance, testing and documentation of such maintenance.~~

~~C) Written record. A written record shall be kept on site and available of such test and maintenance.~~

~~Article 708 Critical Operations Power Systems.~~

~~708.4 Risk Assessment.~~

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

~~708.6 Testing and Maintenance.~~

~~A) Testing Periodically. Systems shall be tested periodically on a schedule established and documented to ensure all systems are maintained in a proper operating condition.~~

~~B) A documented preventive maintenance program for critical operations power systems shall be kept on site and available for inspection upon request.~~

§ 191-3. Compliance Required-RESERVED

All electrical installations in Cecil County shall meet the standards and requirements set forth by the National Electrical Code as established in § 191-2 above. The following provisions replace and supersede parallel provisions of NFPA 70, 2017 of the NEC:

- A. ~~Wireless low voltage systems. An electrical permit or electrical inspection is not required for wireless low voltage systems that:~~
 - (1) ~~Are 50 volts or less;~~
 - (2) ~~Have approved third-party devices; and~~
 - (3) ~~Do not include or require permanent wiring.~~
- B. ~~Gas piping systems. Gas piping systems shall:~~
 - (1) ~~Be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system at the point where the gas service enters the building; and~~
 - (2) ~~Be at least 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent.~~
- C. ~~Ground bar for utilities (article 250, NEC). Ground bar for utilities shall have three termination points on grounding conductors or three split bolts.~~
- D. ~~Aluminum conductors. Aluminum conductors shall be No. 6 or larger.~~
- E. ~~Small appliance circuits.~~
 - (1) ~~Two identified appliance branch circuits shall be installed in the kitchen to service the countertop surfaces.~~
 - (2) ~~The two identified appliance branch circuits installed in the kitchen to service countertop surfaces shall not supply any other receptacles.~~
 - (3) ~~All other code instructions in the NEC pertaining to small appliance circuits shall be adhered to and equally divided among the countertop.~~
- F. ~~Illumination of interior and exterior stairways. All interior and exterior stairways shall be illuminated.~~
 - (1) ~~Interior and exterior stairways shall have a luminaire installed at each landing of the stairway.~~

~~(2) Interior and exterior stairways shall have a switch or automatic activation device installed at the top and bottom of each stairway without traversing any risers.~~

~~Exterior stairways shall have a luminaire installed at the top of the stairway.~~

~~(3) Basement stairways shall have a luminaire installed at the bottom of the stairway.~~

~~G. Temporary services. Temporary services shall require the installation of one eight-foot ground rod.~~

~~H. Exception to NEC section 250.52(A)(3). NEC section 250.52(A)(3) shall not apply in dwelling units with concrete-encased electrodes.~~

~~I. Color code. The following color codes shall apply:~~

~~(1) 480/277V: brown, orange, yellow (BOY);~~

~~(2) 240/120V: black, orange (or tagged high leg), blue (BOB); and~~

~~(3) 120/208V: black, red, blue (BRB).~~

~~J. Underground conductors.~~

~~(1) No. 10 and smaller: Undergrounded conductors No. 10 and smaller must be identified for the complete length.~~

~~(2) No. 8 and larger: Undergrounded conductors No. 8 and larger can be identified at each termination and junction box.~~

~~K. Vacuum systems. Vacuum systems that utilize electrical equipment or electrical devices that exceed 50 volts to ground or phase to phase shall be installed by a master electrician.~~

§ 191-4. Applicability.

No changes

§ 191-5. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Board – *No changes*

BUILDING OFFICIAL — The ~~Director~~ CHIEF of the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections or his designee.

CODE — The adopted ~~Cecil County~~ STATE OF MARYLAND Electrical Code and CECIL COUNTY addendums.

CONTINUING EDUCATION — Any course or training in practical techniques, installation procedures and materials based on the latest ADOPTED edition of the National Electrical Code, administered by a State of Maryland or nationally recognized training program, college, trade school, organization or individual approved by the GOVERNING Board.

County Council – *No Changes*

Cut-In Card – *No Changes*

DEPARTMENT – The Department of LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ~~Permits and Inspections.~~

DIVISION – THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS.

ELECTRICAL CODE — The ~~Cecil County~~ STATE OF MARYLAND Electrical Code, which includes the adopted edition of the National Electrical Code and any CECIL COUNTY amendments pursuant to this chapter.

ELECTRICAL PERMIT — An approved application to do electrical work that has been filed with the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections.

~~ELECTRICIAN~~

~~Master electrician — An individual, licensed by the County, who has the experience, knowledge and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade in a manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes or laws. An individual qualified to provide any service in the electrical trade, including the installation, repair or alteration of any electrical wiring, fixture, appliance, apparatus, raceway or conduit that generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any form for light, heat, power, or communication. For specific limitations, criteria and information see § 191-15 of the code.~~

~~Limited Electrician — An individual licensed by the county to install, repair and maintain specific apparatus, devices or fixtures in accordance with the adopted code. For specific limitations, criteria and information see § 191-15 of the code.~~

Inspection Agency – *No changes*

Inspection Certificate – *No changes*

Inspector – *No changes*

LICENSED APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN – AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:

1. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND
2. IN TRAINING TO BE A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN.

LICENSED JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN – AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES WHILE:

1. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AND
2. IN TRAINING TO BE A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN – AN ELECTRICIAN WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES.

Residence – *No changes*

Resident State – *No changes*

Shelved License – *No changes*

ARTICLE II Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS

§ 191-6. Membership; terms; vacancies

A. In accordance with the Charter, the County Executive shall appoint a board which shall be known as the "Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ELECTRICIANS", consisting of seven persons for the purpose of examining the qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are engaged in, or desire to engage in, the business of master electrician or limited electrician as defined in this chapter.

B. The County Executive, in accordance with the Charter, shall appoint seven members. All members shall be residents of Cecil County, *OR SHALL BE A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN CECIL COUNTY WITH PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THEIR COMPANY ESTABLISHED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN CECIL COUNTY.*¹ The Board so appointed shall consist of at least four persons, who are competent practical Cecil County master electricians who have been duly licensed as master electricians for at least three consecutive years prior to the appointment. One member shall be a person whose name appears on a list of candidates recommended by the Cecil County Fireman's Association, if such a list is furnished to the County Executive. The

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remaining member or members shall be persons selected by the County Executive, as may be deemed appropriate, who may or may not be from the building industry, a utility company or the general public.

C. *No Changes*

D. If a vacancy occurs for any cause during the term of a Board member as herein provided for, the County Executive shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of said Board member. In the case of a vacancy from among the practical electrician Board members, the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall submit to the County Executive a list of three names of potential replacements, and such appointment shall occur within 60 days.

E. The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and shall be designated with the duties as enumerated in § 191-10 of this chapter.

§ 191-7. Officers

No Changes

§ 191-8. Salaries and compensation.

Each member of said Board shall receive compensation at a rate the County determines for attending meetings and other expenses incurred in connection with his/her official duties. Any compensation and expenses of said Board shall be paid out of the budget of the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections.

§ 191-9. Meetings and quorum.

The Board shall meet ~~at least quarterly in each year~~ AS NEED, DETERMINED BY THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND THE CHIEF OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, in Cecil County and shall hold special meetings as frequently as the proper and efficient discharge of its business requires. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business. In all proceedings of the Board, a majority of all members thereof shall be necessary to bind the Board.

§ 191-10. Powers and duties.

The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall advise the County and aid in the supervision and enforcement of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the authority of the code and Maryland law. The Board shall act as an appeals board concerning matters arising under the adopted code and any LIMITED licensing provisions; the Board is authorized to adopt rules of procedure. The Board shall perform other functions as delegated from time to time by the County and shall be designated with the following duties and powers:

- A. To recommend changes in this chapter setting up LIMITED licensing regulations.
- B. – E. *No Changes*
- F. To recommend enforcement procedures as may be desirable and necessary to assist the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections from time to time as it pertains to electrical inspections or specific issues or violations.
- G. Under the hand of the ~~President~~ CHAIRPERSON of the Board, to subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, and the Board may also require the production of papers or documents in any case involving the revocation of a license or a charge of practicing or offering to practice without a license. If any person refuses to obey a subpoena so issued or refuses to testify or produce said papers or documentation, the Board shall present its petition to the Circuit Court of Cecil County setting forth the facts.
- H. Through the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections, the Board of Electrical Examiners shall maintain minutes of its meetings. The ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections shall maintain appropriate records relating to licensing of electricians, permits and hearings.
- I. The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall review applications and recommend to the County approved electrical inspection agencies.
- J. The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall establish the quantity, quality and manner of performance of the continuing education requirements.
- K. The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall advise the County on other functions considered helpful in the control and conduct of electrical business and installations within Cecil County.

§ 191-11. Legal advice and assistance.

The County Attorney and/or designee shall act as legal advisor to the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS and render such legal assistance as the Board may request from time to time. The County Attorney and/or designee shall represent the County and assist in any prosecution of violations of this chapter.

§ 191-12. Appeals.

- A. Any person affected by any decision made in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this code, or of a regulation adopted pursuant to this code, may request and may be granted a hearing before the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS in a manner as prescribed by this code.
- B. *No Changes*
- C. Any decision of the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Maryland in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

§ 191-13. Annual report.

The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS shall, through the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections, submit an annual report to the County, before the first Tuesday of August of each year, containing a detailed statement of all activities pertaining to licenses, examinations and violations handled by the Board during the preceding fiscal year. The Board shall submit to the County minutes of any meetings.

ARTICLE III Administration

§ 191-14. Permit required.

- A. ONLY AN ACTIVE MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS PERMITTED TO SIGN THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND THE INSPECTION AGENCY APPLICATION. THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS PERMITTED TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS. THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, IN WRITING, OF ALL AUTHORIZED AGENTS.
- ~~A.~~ B. In the case of any electrical installation for which a permit is required under this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or allow to be maintained such installation if it was installed without a permit and/or does not conform to the requirements of this chapter. Exceptions: No permit or inspection shall be required to repair or replace existing

light fixtures, receptacles, switches, ceiling fans or similar devices when the total does not exceed [five] FIFTY devices per structure. No permit or inspection shall be required to replace existing individual circuit breakers or fuses where the existing panel is not modified or replaced. No permit or inspection shall be required to repair or replace motors or appliances when the electrical characteristics do not change and there is no increase or decrease in circuit ampacity or change in voltage or phasing. No permit or inspection shall be required for wireless low voltage systems that are 50 volts or less, that have approved third-party devices and do not include or require permanent wiring.

~~B.~~ C. Any person permitted to install electrical work must first secure a permit to do so from the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections of Cecil County, or the department so designated by the County, before starting any such work. Upon submittal of a permit, the applicant must also submit a completed electrical inspection application selected from one of the authorized electrical inspection agencies. The electrical inspection agency of record at time of application shall be the agency of record for the duration of the electrical permit for which it is associated. In the case of an emergency, upon notification to the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections, [an] A MASTER electrician may proceed without permits, inspections and approval but shall acquire all such approvals within a reasonable time as set forth by the Board.

~~C.~~ D. It shall be unlawful for any existing electrical installations to be maintained in a hazardous and unsafe condition. It is the responsibility of the owner to have such hazardous and unsafe conditions corrected, permitted and inspected in accordance with this chapter and the code.

~~D.~~ E. Where the MASTER electrician who was originally issued a permit is removed from the work by the owner and is being replaced by another electrician, the owner shall notify the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections in writing of the proposed change. After a five-day waiting period to verify all necessary paperwork, a new permit may be issued and at this time the new MASTER electrician shall be required to sign documentation assuming responsibility for the work for the entire project. The fees for the new permit shall be the same as the original unless changes are made.

~~E. F.~~ In the case where [an] A MASTER electrician has been issued a permit and does not desire to complete the work covered by it, either in part or in its entirety, he/she shall notify the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections, in writing, requesting that they be released from the responsibility of the permit. After a five-day waiting period to verify all necessary paperwork, a new permit may be issued, and the new electrician shall be required to sign documentation assuming responsibility for the entire project. The fees for the new permit shall be the same as the original unless changes are made.

§ 191-15. License classes, issuance and renewal.

A. There are three classes of electrical licenses as defined below:

- (1) Master: an individual, licensed by the STATE OF MARYLAND ~~County~~, who has the experience, knowledge and skill to provide electrical services in all aspects of the electrical trade in a manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes or laws. An individual qualified to provide any service in the electrical trade, including the installation, repair or alteration of any electrical wiring, fixture, appliance, apparatus, raceway or conduit that generates, transmits, transforms, or uses electrical energy in any form for light, heat, power, or communication.
- (2) Limited LICENSE: an individual licensed by the County to do one or more of the following categories of electrical work as specified on the issued license. A limited electrician's license authorizes the licensee to install, maintain and repair the type of electrical equipment as specified on the license category in which the license has been issued. Those categories are:
 - (a) – (c) *No Changes*
 - (d) Signs: allows for the installation and maintenance of illuminated signs, license allows licensee to install up to a one-hundred-amp branch circuit from the point of distribution to and including the sign being installed. THIS LIMITED LICENSE CATEGORY WILL SUNSET WHNE THE FINAL OUTSTANDING LICENSE EXPIRES.
- (3) *No Changes*

B. Examination. The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS of Cecil County shall conduct written examinations of eligible applicants for the licenses of limited electricians. All applicants are subject to all requirements and laws as set forth by the State of Maryland.

~~(1) — Master license: An applicant seeking to take the written examination for the license of master electrician must have received his or her eligibility approval notification from the State of Maryland and/or the approving testing institution recognized by the State of Maryland prior to submittal of the application to the Board. The applicant shall submit to the Board, at least 30 days prior to the examination date, an application form provided by the Board which shall include the following:~~

~~(a) — Verification of eligibility approval from the State of Maryland and/or the approved testing institution for the state.~~

~~(b) — Current photo identification with signature (e.g., driver's license).~~

~~(c) — At the time of application, a nonrefundable fee in the amount as set forth in the Fee Schedule adopted by the County, paid to the County.~~

~~(d) — Passing grade. In order to qualify for a license, the applicant shall correctly answer at least 70% of the questions asked or a passing grade as set forth by the State of Maryland of the questions asked on the examination.~~

~~(e) — All approvals or denials of such applications shall be mailed to the address given by the applicant on the application.~~

~~(2) (1) Limited license: An applicant seeking to take the written examination for a limited license electrician shall have been regularly and principally employed full time for at least three years preceding submission of an application for a limited license examination, under the direction and supervision of a licensed limited electrician or master electrician in the particular license classification for which the applicant is applying. An applicant must meet all qualifications as set forth by the Maryland Uniformed Electrical Licensing Examination Committee, Inc., or by the State of Maryland or of an approving authority of the state. Cecil County has four classes of limited licenses; HVAC, low voltage, plumbing and signs. The applicant shall submit to the Board, at least 30 days prior to the examination date, an application form provided by the Board which shall include the following:~~

~~(a) – (f) No changes~~

~~(2) – (4) No changes~~

C. Reciprocal licensing. Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS may grant a waiver of any examination under this section, provided that the applicant is reciprocating a license of the same class, type and status as the license that the individual holds in a local jurisdiction within the State of Maryland or a Maryland statewide electrical license, provided that the licensee is in good standing and there are no outstanding violations or records thereof of the regulations of the specific jurisdiction or the State of Maryland. The licensee may only represent one entity. Licensing is subject to all requirements and laws as set forth by the State of Maryland.

(1) Reciprocal license classes are:

~~[1] Master.~~

~~[2] (A) Master - shelved.~~

~~[3] (B) Limited - low voltage.~~

~~[4] (C) Limited - HVAC.~~

~~[5] (D) Limited - plumbing.~~

~~[6] Limited - signs.~~

(2) Obtaining a reciprocal license. An applicant requesting a Cecil County license by reciprocating a state license or a license of another jurisdiction within the state must submit to the Board.

(a) An application form supplied by the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS for said license category in which they are applying.

(b) – (e) *No changes*

D. License renewal. The County ~~shall mail a renewal application to the licensee at the last known address as was indicated on his or her previous license~~ NOTIFY THE LICENSE HOLDER OF RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter will expire on April 30 of each year. A licensee may renew an expired license within 60 days by meeting all requirements and paying nonrefundable fees as set forth in the fee schedule adopted by the County, paid to the County. Exception: all licenses that have open permits must renew by April 30 and maintain an active license. Licenses not renewed by June 30 of the licensing year will

lapse. Reissuance of a lapsed license is by examination only or in accordance to the rules and regulations as set forth by the State of Maryland. The licensee may only represent one entity.

(1) – (3) *No Changes*

E. – F. *No Changes*

G. Denial of an application.

(1) The Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS may deny an application if the applicant fails to meet any of the criteria for licensing set forth by said Board under the provisions of this code, and/or for falsifying any information submitted on any application.

(2) *No Changes*

H. Loss of license holder.

(1) If a partnership, firm or corporation suffers the loss of a license holder due to death or illness, the partnership, firm or corporation shall notify the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS, in writing, with supporting documentation within 14 days of the loss of the license holder.

(2) – (3) *No Changes*

I. Assignment of license. If at any time a licensee changes the company, firm or corporation whom he or she has assigned his or her license, the following must be submitted:

(1) – (5) *No Changes*

(6) If open permits exist, then those permits will be closed and work will cease and desist until new permits can be filed. The County ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections shall be notified in accordance with § 191-14E.

§ 191-16. Inspections and approvals.

A. – F. *No Changes*

G. Where the electrical inspection agency of record or the department so designated by the County finds the installation to be in conformity with all applicable local ordinances and all rules and regulations, a certificate of approval shall be issued to the licensee of record responsible for the installation. The electrical inspection agency of record or the department so designated by the County shall forward a copy of the certification to the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections.

H. When a temporary approval is issued authorizing connection of an installation, the certificate of approval shall be issued to expire at a time to be determined therein and shall be revocable by the electrical inspector or the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS for just cause.

§ 191-17. Emergency inspections.

No Changes

§ 191-18. Inspectors and inspection agencies.

A. *No Changes*

B. In determining the qualifications of an inspection agency, the County, in conjunction with the recommendation of the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS, shall consider the record of the inspection agency in any jurisdiction within or without this state, as well as other objective indicators, including but not limited to certifications issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development relating to the qualifications of the agency to inspect industrialized buildings and mobile homes as defined in the Industrialized Buildings and Mobile Homes Act.

C. – G. *No Changes*

H. The County, upon recommendation from the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS or circumstances beyond the scope and control of the Board that are or would negatively impact the safety, welfare and operational capacity of the citizens, is hereby authorized to employ County electrical inspectors. Upon employment of such inspector(s), the nongovernmental organization heretofore designated as the inspection agency under this chapter shall be discharged, and the duties set forth in this chapter shall be performed by the County electrical inspector(s).

§ 191-19. Fees.

All permit and license fees shall be established by resolution by the County Council as provided for by law. Copies of the fee schedule shall be available in the offices of the Cecil County Council, Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS and the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections. Any fees for inspections shall be established and assessed by the agency providing the inspection service.

§ 191-20. Cut-in card required.

After July 1, 1978, no electrical light or power company shall attach its power lines or electric meters to any consumer's property or portion thereof within the borders of Cecil County unless the work has been installed by a master electrician licensed BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS under this chapter and until a temporary or permanent meter cut-in card has been issued by an authorized electrical inspection agency or inspector and sent to the power company furnishing power to the consumer's property. Any temporary or permanent cut-in card may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS upon presentation to the Board of sufficient evidence that continued use of electrical energy will result in damage to persons or property.

§ 191-21. Right of entry.

No Changes

§ 191-22. Violations and complaints; notice.

A. When a violation occurs or a complaint is received, such complaint/violation will generate a report which is forwarded to the ~~Director~~ CHIEF of Permits and Inspections or his designee. Upon receipt of the complaint/violation report, the ~~Director~~ CHIEF or his designee shall contact one of the approved inspection agencies or inspectors and request that an investigation be performed.

B. Whenever the inspection agency or inspector determines that there has been a violation of this code or has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a copy of said violation shall be forwarded to the ~~Director~~ CHIEF of Permits and Inspections, who shall take the appropriate action necessary to resolve such complaint/violation.

C. – D. *No Changes*

§ 191-23. Violations and penalties.

A. *No Changes*

B. THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS OR THEIR DESIGNEE WILL INVESTIGATE UPON A COMPLIANT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS ARE PERFORMING ELECTRICAL WORK WITH A STATE OF MARYLAND ELECTRICIAN LICENSE. THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND

INSPECTIONS OR THEIR DESIGNEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A STOP WORK ORDER UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS ARE REMOVED FROM THE WORK SITE.

B. C. The County shall seek all reasonable costs and expenses associated with the County's abatement of said violation(s), as well as any and all fair and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of said abatement efforts. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the County from taking other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

§ 191-24. Denial, rescission, withdrawal and/or suspension of permits.

A. At any time that the electrical inspection agency for Cecil County or the Board of ~~Electrical Examiners~~ ELECTRICIANS of the County determines that an electrical contractor has installed, repaired, maintained or erected any kind of electrical wiring, conduits, or wiring to or repair of electrical elements or circuits of machinery and fixed or stationary appliances, motors, fixtures, signs, electrically operated heating equipment, elevators, or other electrically operated apparatus or device in, on or about any premises in Cecil County in violation of this chapter or any other chapter of this Code, notice shall be sent to said electrician advising said electrician of said violation. Said notice shall be presumed received upon being mailed to the address of said electrician on the permit issued to said electrician for the specific project three days after mailing. If no permit has been issued for said work, the notice shall be sent to the last known address of record on file for said electrician in the Department of Permits and Inspections. Until said violation has been corrected, the ~~Department~~ DIVISION of Permits and Inspections and/or the ~~Director~~ CHIEF of Permits and Inspections shall have the power to suspend any permits issued to said MASTER electrician, withdraw any permits issued to said electrician and/or deny any permits requested by said MASTER electrician.

B. For the purposes of this section, "electrician" shall be defined to mean the party to whom the electrical permit for the building/installation not in compliance was issued and shall also include any party actually performing the work of construction/installation upon said building/project. The MASTER "electrician" shall also include any officer of any corporation, any partner of any partnership or any related corporation, partnership, limited-liability company or limited-liability partnership owned in whole or in part by any aforementioned party.

C. *No Changes*

D. THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS WILL REQUEST THE CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS TO INVESTIGATE ANY VIOLATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN RESOVLED IN A TIMELY MANNER. IF THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS FINDS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO FIND THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS OR CODE, THE BOARD WILL NOTIFY THE DIVISION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS OF SUCH FINDINGS, THEY WILL RESCINED THE FOR THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN AND NOTIFY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Act shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it 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.

BY Council Manager