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Electrical Inspector

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That in counties having a population of not less than 115,000, nor more than 116,000, inhabitants, according to the Federal Census of 1920, or any subsequent Federal Census, the office of Electrical Inspector be and is hereby created, whose jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the County, except in corporate towns or cities having a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants according to the Federal Census of 1920, or any subsequent Federal Census. He shall be a practical electrician, and shall be appointed by the County Judge and ratified by the County Court of said counties, at their July Term, 1927, and every four years thereafter, and shall receive the fees of the office, provided they are not in excess of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars per annum, to be realized out of fees collected for work, permits, inspections, and fees collected from and through his Department, and shall in no event receive any compensation from the County. If there are not sufficient fees collected to amount to Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, then he shall receive only the fees of the office. If the fees amount to more than Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars per annum, the balance shall be reported to the County Judge and paid to the County Trustee, to the credit of the school fund of the County. Said Electrical Inspector may be removed from office by the County Judge for misfeasance, malfeasance, or non-feasance, subject however, to the approval of the next ensuing term of the Quarterly County Court.

SECTION 2. That all fees shall be credited monthly to the County Judge by the Electrical Inspector; the said Electrical Inspector shall keep a copy of such certificate in a book, and the certificate shall correspond by number with the number of the certificate furnished to the County Judge. The fees shall be paid direct to the Electrical Inspector.

SECTION 3. That the Electrical Inspector shall proceed to make the proper inspection when notified by the contractor doing the work and he shall issue a certificate with his approval when the work is found by him to be in accordance with the rules and requirements hereinafter specified. No permit shall be granted for any electrical sign, picture machine, theatre booth, or similar structure, either interior or exterior, until the Electrical Inspector shall have examined, passed on, and approved the applications, plans and specifications, and shall also be prepared [sic] to give their certificates or approval, all of which shall be based on the conditions contained in this Act. If such applications, plans and specification do not appear to conform to the requirements hereinafter, adopted, no permit shall be issued until such applications, plans and specifications are made to comply with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. That the Electrical Inspector shall use a book of vouchers or certificates in triplicate and regularly numbered, and shall assess and receive the fees for the inspection of all other works (such as the inspection of wiring, apparatus, machinery or structure previously erected or passed on but in need of other inspection) and issue his receipt therefor in triplicate. He shall report the said fees to the County Judge monthly, with the original certificate therefor, and present a copy to the owner or party whose premises or property has been served, and shall retain a copy for his own records; and the owners of all electric signs and similar structures, shall be entitled to a certificate from the Inspector, stating that such signs or structures comply with the provisions of this Act before final settlement with the contractor.

SECTION 5. That the Electrical Inspector shall execute a solvent indemnity bond to cover the security and all other liability that may accrue by reason of his office to the County, in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and it shall be executed by a Surety Company.

SECTION 6. That the Electrical Inspector is hereby empowered and directed to enter all buildings or structures in pursuance of the duties of his office, and to inspect all electrical wiring used for the transmission of current for light, heat and power purposes that is hereafter installed at the time of installation, or any such wiring now installed where repairs, changes or alterations are to be made. No person, firm or corporation shall attempt to do any electrical work, either new work or additions to old work, who has not first obtained a license to do electrical work, except that any person, firm or corporation regularly employing ten or more men, who have a regular electrician on their payroll, may do minor repairs and construction without obtaining said license. The National Electrical Code rules are hereby adopted as a standard by which all wires for light, heat and power purposes shall be installed. Said inspector shall make a semi-annual inspection of all electric signs and structure of similar character.

SECTION 7. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place any furnace pipe, water, gas, or sewer pipe, or any dangerous material in contact with any electrical apparatus or wires, or cause such apparatus or wires to be cut, disconnected, or disarranged in any manner without first notifying the Electrical Inspector in writing. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to furnish or connect electric current to the wiring on any building or structure, until said wires are first duly

of said Electrical Inspector to the County Judge.

SECTION 2. That any violation of the provisions of this Act is hereby declared a misdemeanor and any persons found guilty thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00, for each offense.

SECTION 3. That in event of a vacancy by resignation or otherwise, in the office of said Electrical Inspector, such office shall be filled at the next succeeding meeting of the Quarterly County Court; and at the expiration of the term of the present Electrical Inspector and each succeeding term thereafter the said office of Electrical Inspector shall be filled by said Quarterly County Court.

SECTION 4. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed; and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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