

# ORDINANCE NO. 342

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 of the Code of Alexandria, Virginia, approved August 5, 1940, by repealing and re-enacting Sections 12, 23, and 28, and adding Section 27-A.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

Section 1. That Chapter 26 of the Code of Alexandria be amended by repealing and re-enacting Sections 12, 23, and 28 and adding Section 27-A to read as follows:

Section 12. **Fees for permits; inspections.** No permit shall be issued for less than one dollar in return for which it shall be the duty of the electrical inspector to make not more than two inspections, permit to be issued at the electrical department, city hall building. No electrical system or part thereof shall be covered until it has been inspected and approved. If any part of the electrical system is covered before being regularly inspected and approved as herein prescribed, it shall be uncovered at the direction of the electrical inspector. If the inspection shows defects, such defective work or material shall be replaced within ten days and inspection repeated. When work for which permit has been issued is completed, the inspector shall make a final inspection and if approved, shall certify this fact to the electric power company supplying the current. The person securing a permit shall notify the electrical department in writing at least twelve hours prior to the time an inspection is required. Whenever service is disconnected in any commercial establishment by the local public utility company such service shall not be again connected until the electric wiring in said premises has been approved by the electrical inspector.

Section 23. **Certain work excepted from provisions of chapter.** This chapter shall not apply to the installation, repairing and wiring by public service plants or by electric railroad companies, in connection with the erection, construction, maintenance or repair of lines for transmission of electricity from the source of supply to the service switch on the premises where used; nor to work of such plants or companies on premises owned or controlled by them; nor to work of said electric companies installing, maintaining and repairing on the premises of customers, service connections and meters and other apparatus necessary for and incident to their business.

Section 27-A. No commercial cleaning, sanding or polishing machine driven by electrical power units in excess of one third horsepower shall be connected with the electric wiring system in any structure in the City of Alexandria, unless a permit shall first be obtained therefor from the electrical inspector, for which applicant shall pay a fee of \$1.00.

Section 28. **Inspection and removal of old electrical work.** It shall be the duty of the electrical inspector at suitable intervals to make an inspection of old electrical work in this city, and when defects are discovered in such work, to require the removal of the same, and the installation therefor to be brought up to a condition of safety within a reasonable time, the extreme limit not to exceed thirty days. Whenever in the judgment of the electrical inspector the electric wiring in any structure in the City of Alexandria is in a dangerous and unsafe condition, he shall notify the public service company furnishing electrical energy to said premises and said company shall within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of such notice disconnect said premises from its distribution system and not again connect same until receiving notice in writing that the wiring in said premises has been approved by the Electrical Inspector.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication in The Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 11th day of March, 1941.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,  
Mayor