

Ordinance No. 423

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 25 and 27, of Chapter 26 of The Code of the City of Alexandria enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, as said sections are amended by Ordinances Nos. 399 and 387, respectively, relating to electricity.

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

Section 1. That Sections 25 and 27, of Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Alexandria enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, as said sections are amended by Ordinances Nos. 399 and 387, respectively, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 25. Standard of Work and Quality of Appliances.

All electrical work shall be done in the manner prescribed by the current edition of the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters known as the "National Electrical Code" together with such supplementary rules and regulations as may be issued from time to time by the electrical board and approved by the Council. Any such supplementary regulations shall be effective thirty days after they are approved by the Council, and copies thereof shall be furnished all registered electricians by the electrical inspector.

No person, firm or corporation except a master electrician as defined in this chapter shall offer for sale in the City of Alexandria any standard Edison base plug fuse larger than 15 Amp. capacity or any type "S" Tamper Proof plug fuse larger than 20 Amp. capacity.

No person, firm or corporation shall offer for sale to the public in the City of Alexandria any electrical wiring supplies, fixtures, appliances or any equipment which operates electrically unless the material, design and construction thereof conforms to the standards of the current lists of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., the current regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, or the standards currently approved by the American Engineering Standards Committee, or the standards currently approved by the United States Bureau of Standards.

It shall be the duty of the Electrical Inspector at frequent intervals to inspect all electrical supplies, fixtures, or appliances offered for sale in the City of Alexandria and to cause the removal of such as do not meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. 27. Work interfering with arrangement of electric wires: Prohibition against use of bridged fuses, etc.

It shall be unlawful, except as herein provided, for any person erecting any scaffolding, putting up any sign or signs, altering or changing any plumbing, repairing, painting, or erecting any building or structure or engaged in any manner of work, to cut, break or in any manner interfere with arrangements of any electrical wires whatsoever, inside or outside of any building or other place, unless and until the owner of such building or structure, or the contractor engaged in such work, shall notify the electrical inspector in writing of the necessity to do so at least twenty-four hours before such intended work is begun. It shall thereupon be the duty of the electrical inspector to inspect the place where such work is intended to be done, and if satisfied that it is necessary to do so, he shall at once direct the owner or owners of such wires to remove the same, and upon failing to do so within twenty-four hours thereafter such wires may be removed by the contractor under the supervision of the electrical inspector.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any premises to alter or bridge or to permit on said premises the existance of any altered, bridged or over-rated fuse, whether plug or cartridge type, or any altered or bridged circuit breaker or any other device used for the protection of electrical circuits, or any other equipment which has been altered or bridged. Over-rated fuses for the purposes of this paragraph shall be as defined in the 1940 National Electrical Code approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

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

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,
Mayor

Adopted July 11, 1944.