

## Chapter 62

### ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

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#### § 62-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Electrical Code of the Village of Lansing."

#### § 62-2. Statement of purpose.

Since there is danger to life and property inherent in the use of electrical energy, this chapter is enacted to regulate the installation, alteration of wiring for electric light, heat or power and signal systems operating on fifty (50) volts or more, in or on all real property within the Village of Lansing.

#### § 62-3. Adoption of standards. <sup>[1]</sup>

All electrical installations heretofore mentioned shall be made in conformity with the requirements of the National Electrical Code except when the provisions of this chapter or any other chapter of the Code of the Village of Lansing or any applicable New York State law or code (including the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Construction Code), shall differently prescribe, in which event compliance with such provisions of this chapter or any other chapter of the Code of the Village of Lansing or any applicable New York State law or code shall be recognized as proper compliance with this chapter. The requirements of the National Electrical Code shall be those known as the most recent edition of National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet No. 70, as approved and adopted by the American Standards Association.

#### § 62-4. Electrical inspectors.

A. The Chief Inspector and each of the duly appointed inspectors of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters or any other electrical inspection agency designated by the Village are hereby authorized and deputized as agents of the Village of Lansing to make inspections and reinspections of all electrical installations heretofore and hereafter described, and to approve or disapprove the same. In no event, however, will the cost or expense of such inspections and reinspections be a charge against the Village of Lansing. Such cost and expense shall be borne solely by the party for whom such inspection is made.

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B. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, applicant or his agent to inform the appropriate inspectors that the work is ready for each required inspection under this chapter and to schedule such inspection.

C. The authorized inspectors of the Village of Lansing as designated herein, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of entry, at all reasonable hours, to any building, structure or site where work or activity is contemplated or being done under the provisions of this chapter, or to any building or site alleged to be unsafe to life or health, upon the exhibition of proper evidence of authority, and interference with such authorized entry in official capacity shall be punishable as a violation of this chapter.

### **§ 62-5. Duties of the electrical inspector.** [\[3\]](#)

It shall be the duty of the inspector to report in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer, whose duty it shall be to enforce all the provisions of this Code, all violations of or deviations from or omissions of the electrical provisions of the National Electrical Code and of all chapters of the Code of the Village of Lansing insofar as any of the same apply to electrical wiring. The inspector shall make inspections and reinspections of electrical installations in and on properties in the Village of Lansing upon the written request of an authorized official of the Village of Lansing or as herein provided. The inspector is authorized to make inspections and reinspections of electrical wiring installations, devices, appliances and equipment, in and on properties within the Village of Lansing where he deems it necessary for the protection of life and property. In the event of an emergency it is the duty of the inspector to furnish written reports to the proper officials of the Village of Lansing and owners and/or lessees of property where defective electrical installations and equipment are found upon inspection. He shall authorize the issuing of a certificate of compliance when electrical installations and equipment are in conformity with this chapter. He shall direct that a copy of the certificate of compliance be sent to the Village of Lansing to the attention of the Code Enforcement Officer.

### **§ 62-6. Prohibited acts.** [\[4\]](#)

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person, firm or corporation to install or cause to be installed, or to alter electrical wiring for light, heat or power in or on properties, in the Village of Lansing until an application for inspection has been filed with the New York Board of Fire Underwriters or any other electrical inspection agency designated by the Village. It shall be a violation of this chapter for a person, firm or corporation to connect or cause to be connected electrical wiring in or on properties for light, heat or power to any source of electrical energy supply prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate, or a certificate of compliance, by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters or any other electrical inspection agency designated by the Village.

### **§ 62-7. Penalties for offenses.**

- A. Unless other New York State or federal statutory provisions prevail, a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.) or imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. <sup>[5]</sup>
- B. In addition to other penalties, the Village of Lansing may institute any appropriate actions or proceedings to prevent unlawful electrical installation or any other violation of the requirements of this chapter.

### **§ 62-8. Applicability.**

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the electrical installations in mines, ships, railway cars or automotive equipment or the installations or equipment employed by a railway, electrical or communication utility in the exercise of its function as a utility and located outdoors or in buildings used exclusively for that purpose. This chapter shall not apply to any work involved in the manufacture, assembly, test or repair of electrical machinery, apparatus, materials and equipment by a person, firm or corporation engaged in electrical manufacturing as their principal business. It shall not apply to any building which is owned or leased in its entirety by the Government of the United States or the State of New York.

### **§ 62-9. No waiver or assumption of liability.** <sup>[6]</sup>

This chapter shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for loss of life or damage to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the Village of Lansing or the New York Board of Fire Underwriters or any other electrical inspection agency designated by the Village be deemed to have assumed any such liability by reason of any inspection made pursuant to this chapter.

### **§ 62-10. Provisions to be minimum requirements.**

The provisions of this chapter are intended to be the minimum requirements necessary to accomplish the purpose of this chapter and must be interpreted and applied accordingly. When requirements of this chapter conflict with the requirements of other lawfully developed rules, regulations or law, the most restrictive or that imposing higher standards takes precedence.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

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