

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

***RELATIVE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 1113 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED
“ELECTRICIAN LICENSING AND REGULATIONS”***

BY:

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BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that Chapter 1113 of the Codified Ordinances, entitled “ELECTRICIAN LICENSING AND REGULATIONS”, is hereby amended such that §§ 1113.04 and 1113.05 thereof shall read as follows:

1113.04 DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND COUNCIL.

{It shall be the duty of the Board to examine all applicants desiring a Master Electrician's License as to their suitability to be seated for examination. The City Council, as an alternative, may enter into a contract with an outside agency, firm or person approved by the Board of Examiners of Electricians as to their qualifications to conduct such examination. In such case, it shall be the exclusive duty of such outside agency, firm, or person, to conduct such examination. The examination shall examine applicants as to their practical knowledge of electricity and the National Electrical Code as to their ability to conduct electrical work and the business of installing electrical machinery, apparatus and wiring.}

(a) It shall be the duty of the City's Board of Examiners of Electricians (“Board”) to screen all applicants desiring a Master Electrician's License from the City in order to determine their eligibility to apply for such license. In performing such duty, the Board shall be guided by the eligibility standards set forth below in Section 1113.05. Prior to determining whether an applicant is qualified to apply, the Board may require said person to appear before the Board in person to answer questions concerning his qualifications and/or to produce satisfactory documentation to enable the Board to determine whether he meets the eligibility requirements under Section 1113.05 (a) hereof.

(b) The City Council shall designate an outside agency, firm and/or person qualified to formulate and conduct the examination of all applicants, provided that if a contract between the City and such designee is required, same shall be approved by Council prior to the first examination administered by the designee. It shall be the exclusive duty of such outside agency, firm, and/or person, to conduct such examination, which shall examine applicants as to their practical knowledge of electricity, electrical systems, the National Electrical Code, and their ability to conduct electrical work and the business of installing electrical machinery, systems, apparatus and wiring.

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1113.05 APPLICATION FEE, ELIGIBILITY, EXAMINATION AND ISSUANCE.

{(a) Any person desiring a license to engage in the business of electrical work as a Master Electrician shall file in the Office of the City Clerk, an application for such license. (Amended 03/14/91, 06/05/92; 03/22/06; 02/08/11)}

(b) No person shall be eligible to sit for the examination for a master electrician license unless he shall have first satisfied one of the following combinations of education and experience:

(1) Five (5) years of appropriate experience as a journeyman. A journeyman for this ordinance is one who has completed a New York State approved apprenticeship program and has worked as a journeyman for five (5) years with a minimum of 1500 hours per year in the electrical construction industry; or

(2) Ten (10) years of experience in the electrical industry doing electrical work in compliance with the national electric code consisting of at least 1500 hours per year with documentation by the employer, in addition to graduation from a two-year or four-year New York State accredited college with a degree in an electrical-related discipline; or

(3) Ten (10) years of experience in the electrical industry doing electrical work in compliance with the national electric code consisting of at least 1500 hours per year with documentation by the employer, in addition to 700 classroom hours of electrical course work approved by the Board with documentation of successful completion of such courses.

(c) Prior to permitting any person to sit for the examination, the Board may require said person to appear before the Board to answer questions concerning his qualifications and to produce satisfactory documentation to enable the Board to determine whether he meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (b) hereof. After the Board has determined that an applicant is eligible to sit for the examination, the applicant shall pay an application fee in the sum of \$125.00 together with all fees required by the outside agency, firm or person conducting the licensing examination. Said application fee is not refundable, but shall be applied to the initial license fee should the applicant successfully complete the examination. (Amended 02/08/11)

(d) The test for the master electrician license shall be given annually at a time and place to be decided by the Board of Examiners. All applications shall be filed no later than the thirtieth day of June prior to the date on which the examination is scheduled, except that for the 2009 examination all applications must be filed by October 5, 2009. (Amended 09/22/09).

(e) Upon certification from the Board of Examiners that the applicant has successfully completed the examination, the City Clerk shall forthwith issue a master electrician license to the applicant upon payment of the required license fee.

(f) Any person who has previously applied for and been determined to be eligible to sit for the examination by the Board under the former provisions of this ordinance, and who has sat for said examination, and is not otherwise disqualified shall continue to be eligible to sit for said examination, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) hereof.

(g) An applicant who has violated any provision of Chapter 1113 of the Codified Ordinances in the twelve (12) month period preceding the examination shall not be

eligible to be seated for the examination.}

(a) Qualifications to Apply: Anyone wishing to apply for a Master Electrician's License from the City must be able to demonstrate to the Board that they:

- (1) have not violated any provision of this Chapter of the Codified Ordinances in the twelve (12) month period preceding the application; and
- (2) satisfy one of the following combinations of education and experience:
 - (A) Five (5) years of appropriate experience as a journeyman. A journeyman for this ordinance is one who has completed a New York State approved apprenticeship program and has worked as a journeyman for five (5) years with a minimum of 1500 hours per year in the electrical construction industry; or
 - (B) Ten (10) years of experience in the electrical industry doing electrical work in compliance with the national electric code consisting of at least 1500 hours per year with documentation by the employer, in addition to graduation from a two-year or four-year New York State accredited college with a degree in an electrical-related discipline; or
 - (C) Ten (10) years of experience in the electrical industry doing electrical work in compliance with the national electric code consisting of at least 1500 hours per year with documentation by the employer, in addition to 700 classroom hours of electrical course work approved by the Board with documentation of successful completion of such courses.

(b) Application for a License: Any person believing that they meet the qualifications of the above subsection (a), and desiring a license to engage in the business of electrical work as a Master Electrician, shall first make and file an application with the City Clerk upon the forms provided. The Clerk shall promptly relay said application to the Board for consideration at its next meeting, which shall either be a regular quarterly meeting, or a special meeting called by the Board in the event that a regular meeting will not be conducted before the expiration of thirty days from the date the application was filed with the Clerk. The Board will then promptly review the submission to determine whether the applicant is either qualified or unqualified, and notify the applicant in writing of its determination,

including an explanation of any determination that the applicant is unqualified.

(c) After the Board approve an application by determining that the applicant has met the qualifications of the above subsection (a), he shall pay an application fee in the sum of \$125.00. Said application fee is not refundable, but shall be applied to the initial license fee should the Board ultimately decide to issue a certificate of competency to the applicant.

(d) Examination and Certificate of Competency:

- (1) An applicant who has been determined by the Board to have met the minimum experience requirements, set forth above in subsection (a) hereof, must have either already taken and passed the 'G16 Master Electrician' examination through the International Code Council's Contractor/Trades examination program ("ICC") within one year prior to their application date, or they must take and pass such examination within six months of their application. In either case, the applicant must submit sufficient evidence to the Board to establish that they received a passing grade from ICC within the applicable timeframe above. If the Board is satisfied with such evidence, then it shall proceed to further examine and determine such applicant's fitness and qualifications for the possible issuance of a certificate of competency that will entitle him to register as a master electrician in the City.
- (2) An applicant currently licensed as a Master Electrician in a municipality in Niagara, Erie, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua or Cattaraugus Counties is not required to take the examination set forth above in paragraph (1) of this subsection. If the Board is satisfied with the applicant's evidence of such license, then it shall proceed to further examine and determine such applicant's fitness and qualifications for the possible issuance of a certificate of competency that will entitle him to register as a master electrician in the City.
- (3) No matter the Board's decision, each applicant will be promptly notified in writing of the decision to either grant or deny a certificate of competency, and in the event of denial, such letter will explain the Board's reasons. In the event of a decision to grant the certificate, the Board's letter shall also include the certificate of competency.

(e) Upon an applicant being granted a certificate of competency by the Board, the City Clerk shall forthwith issue a Master Electrician's License to the applicant upon payment of the required license fee.

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