

ORDINANCE NO. 106

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SPECIFIC CODES  
WITH STATE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS, BY REFERENCE,  
AS HEREIN SET FORTH; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96,  
CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 11, SECTION 11.28.04.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bethel Heights, Arkansas has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Bethel Heights, Arkansas to adopt, by reference, the 1999 edition of the Standard Building Code, the 1999 edition of the National Electrical Code, and local amendments as herein set forth; said local amendments to amend the 1999 National Electrical Code as any conflict may exist; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, ARKANSAS:

SECTION ONE: The City of Bethel Heights hereby amends Ordinance No. 96, City of Bethel Heights Municipal Code, Title 11, Section 11.28.04, and does hereby adopt the 1999 Standard Building Code, including the 1999 edition of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, known as The Arkansas Addendum. Building valuation data will be based on tables published and updated twice yearly by Southern Building Magazine as regional building valuations.

SECTION TWO: The City of Bethel Heights hereby amends Ordinance No. 96, City of Bethel Heights Municipal Code, Title 11, Section 11.28.04, and does hereby adopt the 1999 edition of the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association with the following local amendments; said local amendments to amend the 1999 National Electrical Code as any conflict may exist.

- A. Service ground wire will be enclosed in PVC conduit only unless directed otherwise by the administrative authority.
- B. A minimum of one (1) carbon monoxide detector will be installed in each new residence constructed within the Bethel Heights city limits. NFPA 720, 1998 Edition, "Recommended Practice for The Installation of Household Carbon Monoxide (CO) Warning Equipment" shall be incorporated, in it's entirety, in this amendment by reference.
- C. There shall be a main disconnect within five feet of any electric meter installed within the city except in extreme or unusual circumstances it may be located a greater distance by approval of the electrical inspector.
- D. The use of aluminum wire from the bottom or load side of the electric meter shall be prohibited in the city except by special approval of the electrical inspector.

E. Residential

1. There shall be no more than four (4) convenience duplex outlets on one circuit in the kitchen, utility and workshop.
2. There shall be no more than eight (8) fixtures on light circuit.
3. All major appliances shall be on separate circuits.

F. Commercial

Load calculations (individual branch circuits and total) will be furnished to Building Inspection Division upon application for electrical permit.

- G. If electrical wiring or any part thereof which is installed, altered or repaired is covered before being inspected by the inspector, it shall be uncovered for inspection after notice to uncover the work has been issued to the responsible person by the inspector.
- H. Any new installation exceeding ten circuit distributions at lighting panels must have two spare circuits and provisions made to use them in case of later alterations or additions.
- I. All fixtures used to supply current to general appliances shall be of screw-type terminals. Convenience outlets and general lighting circuits shall be of copper content, and the wire size thereof shall be of not less than #12 A.W.G. wire.
- J. No convenience outlet or appliance outlet shall be installed or operated on a general lighting branch circuit, at any time, in any occupancy.
- K. On any proposed remodeling, where more than fifty (50) percent of the electrical wiring in any structure is to be altered, electrical wiring throughout the structure shall be made to comply with the requirements of 1999 NEC. The chief electrical inspector may, at his discretion, waive these requirements.
- L. It shall be unlawful for any person other than an authorized employee of the electric service company, the city electrical inspector or authorized member of the fire department, to break any seal of any electric meter, transformer or cabinet. In case of emergency an authorized employee of a licensed electrical contractor or an employee under the supervision of a licensed electrician may break a seal when necessary to replace fuses. In such cases, the electric service company must be notified by the party breaking the seal within twenty-four (24) hours, in order that the equipment may be resealed.

**SECTION THREE:** The City of Bethel Heights hereby amends Ordinance No. 96, City of Bethel Heights Municipal Code, Title 11, Section 11.04.03 with the following local amendments:

In order to procure an electrical permit for the installation of electrical wiring work, any person before beginning any electrical wiring, shall make application to the Building Inspection Division and shall pay the permit fee required by the following schedule:

- A. Meter service inspection/per meter \$ 20.00
  
- B. New construction, single-family (heated footage):
  - 1. 0 - 1,500 square feet \$ 45.00
  - 2. 1,500 - 2,000 square feet \$ 60.00
  - 3. 2,000 - 3,000 square feet \$ 75.00
  - 4. 3,000 square feet and larger \$112.50
  
- C. New construction, multifamily:
  - 1. \$45.00 per unit for 1 unit (plus)
  - 2. \$22.50 per unit for 2 to 4 units (plus)
  - 3. \$15.00 per unit for 5 or more units
  
- D. New construction, commercial and industrial:
  - 1. One percent of contract, up to \$10,000.00; plus
  - 2. One-half of one percent, from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00; plus
  - 3. One-fourth of one percent of all jobs over \$20,000.00.

Base Fee of \$30.00.

- E. The permit fee for all overhauling or rewiring of existing buildings shall be the same as charged for new work.

**SECTION FOUR:** It is further provided that an additional fee of \$10.00 shall be paid in advance by the contractor or property owner for each and every extra inspection trip that the inspector makes which is caused by the failure of the contractor or property owner who is installing the work to:

- A. Be ready for an inspection which he has requested to be made.
  
- B. Provide means for the inspector to enter the locked premises to make an inspection requested by the contractor.
  
- C. An appointment will be made for an inspection agreed upon by both parties. If the appointment can not be kept within a two-hour limit, the inspector will notify the builder and reschedule another appointment time.

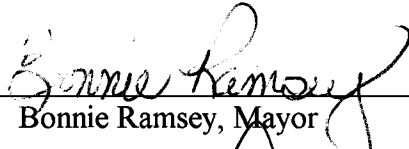
SECTION FIVE: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS that any matters in said codes which are contrary to existing Ordinances of Bethel Heights, Benton County, Arkansas shall prevail and that Ordinance No. 96, entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES, is hereby amended with the following six (6) Codes remaining in effect:

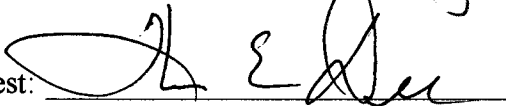
1. The 1995 edition of the ARKANSAS GAS CODE of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Incorporated, (including all appendixes thereto).
2. The 1995 edition of the STANDARD PLUMBING CODE of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Incorporated (including all appendixes thereto).
3. The 1995 edition of the ARKANSAS STATE PLUMBING CODE as adopted by The Arkansas State Board of Health.
4. The 1997 edition of the ASSOCIATED CODES AND STANDARDS of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Incorporated (including all appendixes thereto).
5. The 1997 edition of the LIFE SAFETY CODE of the National Fire Protection Association.
6. The 1997 edition of the ARKANSAS MECHANICAL CODE of the Southern Building Code Congress International, Incorporated (including all appendixes thereto).

and, to that extent any existing Ordinances to the contrary are hereby repealed in that respect only.

SECTION SIX: For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Building Official, and his or her assistants, shall be the "Administrative Authority" authorized to enforce the provisions of these Codes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of November, 1999.

Approved:   
Bonnie Ramsey, Mayor

Attest:   
Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer