

ORDINANCE NO. 384

An Ordinance adopting by reference as the electrical code of the Borough of Forest City the National Electrical Code, 1984 Edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association; providing for third-party inspection; establishing permit fees; and repealing a prior ordinance.

The Borough of Forest City ordains as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Electrical Code. For the purpose of regulating electric wiring and electrical installations in the Borough of Forest City and for safeguarding persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity, the Borough adopts as its electrical code the National Electrical Code, 1984 Edition, NFPA No. 70, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, as well as further and additional provisions set out in this ordinance. That code is incorporated into this ordinance by reference as fully as if set out in full in this ordinance. Copies of the code have been placed on file in the office of the Borough Secretary and shall remain on file there.

Section 2. Third-Party Inspection.

(a) Borough Council shall enter into an agreement with the Electrical Inspection Agency licensed to perform such services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This agreement shall be established by resolution of Council and shall provide for a system of fees to cover the costs of all inspections, which inspections are to be paid for by the owner or operator of the building, structure, or premises. The agreement shall also provide for the keeping of accurate records of all inspections by the appointed inspection bureau, and shall provide that all inspection reports shall be submitted to the Building Official.

(b) All persons required to obtain a permit shall also be required to obtain an Electrical Certificate of Approval. All applicants for such certificate shall be so registered with the Building Official. The certificate shall be completed only by certification by an authorized representative of the appointed inspection agency, which certification shall state that inspection has been made of the applicant's building, structure, or premises

and that the electrical wiring conforms with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. The completed certificate shall be returned to the Building Official by the applicant within 30 days from the date of completion of the building, structure, or premises.

(c) Whenever the authorized inspection agency shall disapprove an application for a Certificate of Approval or refuses to certify that the provisions of the National Electrical Code have been complied with, he shall inform the Building Official, and the Building Official shall notify the owner or operator. In addition to the requirements of the provisions of said notice, such notice may also contain the statement that unless the violation is corrected and evidence presented by a completed Certificate of Approval within 60 days of service, the Building Official shall notify the electrical utility company to disconnect the electrical power from the building, structure, or premises until a proper Certificate of Approval is submitted to the Building Official.

(d) At any time when the Borough shall have established an office of code enforcement or similar office, Council may authorize and direct that the duties, functions and powers vested by this section in the Building Official be transferred from the Building Official to the Office of Code Enforcement or similar office.

Section 3. Permit Fees. The following fees based on the cost of electrical work, shall be paid to the Borough upon filing an application for a permit and shall include construction, renovation, installation and removal of electric wiring, and electrical installations as covered in the National Electrical Code. The fees shall be for the use of the Borough, and shall be applied toward the costs referred to in Section 2(a) of this ordinance:

	Cost up to	\$ 50.00	\$ 2.00
51.00	up to and including	100.00	3.00
101.00	up to and including	200.00	6.00
201.00	up to and including	300.00	9.00
301.00	up to and including	400.00	12.00
401.00	up to and including	500.00	15.00
501.00	up to and including	600.00	20.00

601.00	up to and including	700.00	24.00
701.00	up to and including	800.00	28.00
801.00	up to and including	900.00	32.00
901.00	up to and including	1,000.00	36.00
Over 1,001.00 - \$1.00 per thousand			

Section 4. Saving Clause. Nothing in this ordinance or in the National Electrical Code adopted by this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any ordinance repealed by this ordinance. No right or remedy of any characters shall be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance or of the National Electrical Code adopted by this ordinance shall not invalidate other section or provision of either.

Section 6. Short Title. This ordinance, together with the National Electrical Code adopted by this ordinance, shall be known and may be cited as "The Electrical Code of the Borough of Forest City."

Section 7. Repeal of Prior Ordinance. Ordinance 353, adopting an earlier edition of the electrical code, is repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council for the Borough of Forest City, this day of , 1984.

BOROUGH OF FOREST CITY

By: _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

Secretary

Examined and Approved this day of , 1984.

Mayor