



# City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 105-53 AND 105-54 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPEAL ORDINANCE NO.97:1727 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE ENTITLED THE 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas desires to ensure that the City is Operating under the most current and accurate law regarding the Arkansas State Electrical Code, and

WHEREAS, The City Council shall repeal Ordinance No. 97:1727 and adopt by reference a certain technical code entitled 2011 National Electric code and all future amendments and/or editions which may follow, to establish minimum requirements for safe electrical installations so as to safeguard the life, health and public welfare and the protection of property within the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, pursuant to ACA 14-55-207, public notice was given of the City's intent to adopt said technical code by reference, and advertised that three (3) copies of the document were on file and available for public review and examination in the Office of City Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION ONE: That there is hereby adopted by reference by the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas a certain electrical code known as the 2011 National Electric Code, less and except those portions that are deleted, modified or amended as specified in this ordinance.

SECTION TWO: That Sec. 105-54 shall be repealed and replaced with the following language:  
Sec. 105-54. Local exceptions to National Electrical Code.

(a) The following rules shall govern local conditions and shall be exceptions to the National Electrical Code:

(1) All commercial buildings, except those listed in the following subsection, shall be wired in conduit with conduit being defined as:

a. A properly certified manufactured home being converted for use as a commercial office shall be exempt from the requirements to be wired in metal conduit when said structure shall be occupied on a temporary basis, with temporary being defined as a limited time not to exceed 12 months. Under extenuating circumstance, an appeal for extension of time can be made to the city council for approval.

b. Properly certified pre-built off-site portable office buildings, not exceeding 500 square feet shall be exempt from the requirements to be wired in metal

conduit, when said structure shall be occupied on a temporary basis, with temporary being defined as a limited time not to exceed 12 months. Under extenuating circumstances, an appeal for extension of time can be made to the city council for approval.

c. Any Type 6 wood frame noncommercial accessory buildings to a residential use shall be exempt from the requirements to be wired in metal conduit.

(2) Overhead service masts shall be rigid conduit or intermediate metallic conduit or PVC.

(3) Thin wall conduit shall not be used for service entrances.

(4) PVC conduit may be installed outdoors when it meets the rating required for exposure to outside elements.

(5) The minimum size of aluminum wire that can be used is No. 2 stranded.

(6) A master switch or breaker shall be installed on all electric services up to 400 amps. The switch or breaker shall be installed at the entrance of the electric meter and the entrance shall not be concealed. Services over 400 amps shall follow NEC.

(7) No permit shall be issued for electric service exceeding 200 amps nor for any three phase service until written approval has been issued by the local utility.

(8) No appliances requiring a separate circuit shall be wired without a permit.

(9) In residential structures there shall be no more than ten (10) duplex receptacles or lights per each fifteen (15) amp circuit.

(10) In residential structures there shall be no more than thirteen (13) duplex receptacles or lights per each twenty (20) amp circuit.

(11) No appliances requiring a separate circuit shall be wired without a permit.

SECTION THREE: No less than three (3) copies of the electrical code shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

SECTION FOUR: All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are contrary to this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. It is further declared that if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, chapter, title, or section of this code shall be declared unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, chapters, titles and sections of this code.

SECTION FIVE: It is found and declared by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas that this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in full force from and after its' passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Harold Perrin, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Jackson

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_