

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2672**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2329 AND SECTION 5-141 OF THE VESTAVIA HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTING THE 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE FOR THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA, THAT ORDINANCE NUMBER 2329 AND SECTION 5-141 OF THE VESTAVIA HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

“Sec. 5-141. – National Electrical Code adopted.

A certain document, one (1) copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, the Vestavia Hills Library and the Vestavia Hills Building Inspections Department, being marked and designated as the 2014 National Electrical Code be and is hereby adopted as the Electrical Code of the City of Vestavia Hills in the State of Alabama regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of electrical systems as provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Electrical Code on file in the above-mentioned locations in the City of Vestavia Hills are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed below.

(1) Exceptions to Permit Requirements.

No permit shall be required for the following installations or repairs:

- (a) Minor repairs
- (b) The installation of wiring, devices or equipment for telephone, telegraph, district messenger or telautograph systems, or any signaling systems (other than commercial radio systems) operating at fifty (50) volts or less when installed by a public utility subject to regulations as such by the Alabama Public Service Commission
- (c) For the installation, maintenance or repair of electrical service of a public utility corporation regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission

(2) Unsafe Electrical Installations--Generally.

All electrical installations, regardless of type, which are unsafe or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to safety by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation,

obsolescence or abandonment are, severally in contemplation of this section, Unsafe Electrical Installations. All such unsafe electrical installations are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair or removal. Where, in the opinion of the Building Official, the hazard involved is sufficient to warrant disconnection of electricity, he shall then disconnect or order the utility company to disconnect immediately.

(3) Existing Installations.

The Department of Building Safety shall inspect or cause to be inspected at regular intervals existing electrical installations in all buildings where a high life hazard exists, such as places of public assembly and education occupancies.

(4) Qualification of Electricians.

Any person who desires to install electrical wiring within the City that is not exempt from a permit shall produce good and sufficient evidence to the Building Official that he/she is competent to do the work. Sufficient evidence shall be the following:

Master electrical license from The State of Alabama

(5) Electrical Permit--Required.

No person or homeowner shall install any wiring, device or equipment for the transmission, distribution or utilization of electrical energy for light, heat, power or radio, or the alteration, repair or addition to any existing wiring, the installation of which is regulated by this article, or shall cause any such work to be done, without first making application to the Department of Building Safety and obtaining a permit. Only competent individuals with sufficient evidence under "Qualification of Electricians" shall be permitted to perform electrical work within the City of Vestavia Hills.

(6) Copper Wiring

Copper wiring shall be used within a structure in the City, including wiring of ranges, washing machines and dryer circuits, with the exception that aluminum conductors may be used from the meter socket to the panel.

334.12.1 Nonmetallic-Sheathed Cable. Nonmetallic-Sheathed Cable shall not be used in wood-framed commercial type buildings with the exception of inside individual apartment units.

410.36 (B) (1) Means of Support. Luminaires shall be supported on all corners of the fixture independent from ceiling grid.

(7) Emergency Backup Power.

- a) *[Required.]* Emergency backup power will be required in all new buildings built under the International Building Code for retirement and assisted living establishments and Institutional Group I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4 [daycare] and all residential R2 that are classified independent senior living; and
- b) *[Capabilities.]* All backup power shall have the capability to handle all emergency life safety equipment listed in the International Building and Fire Codes including, but not limited to:
 - a. Emergency lighting
 - b. Exit lights
 - c. Telephone system
 - d. Fire alarm systems
 - e. Minimum one (1) elevator egress for facilities two (2) stories or more
 - f. Room smoke detectors or corridor smoke detectors
 - g. Means of illuminated egress [corridors and stairs]
 - h. Standby power shall be permanently installed and capable of automatic transfer without loss of services other than transfer time and approved for location
 - i. One (1) heated area in a central area for cold weather emergencies
- c) *[Installation and maintenance.]* All requirements must meet the most recently adopted International Building and Fire Codes for installation and maintenance requirements; and
- d) *[Exception.]* An exception shall be granted to I-4 [daycare] occupancies with written and implemented policies in place for emergency pickup; and
- e) *[Remedial compliance.]* Emergency backup power will be required in all existing retirement and assisted living establishments including institutional group I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4 [daycare] and all residential R2 that are classified independent senior living. The Ordinance creating this section [Ordinance Number 2080] is hereby declared to be remedial with compliance required within three (3) years of the effective date of this section [March 7, 2005].
- f) *[Violation penalties.]* Persons who shall violate a provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Building Official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.
- g) *[Abatement of violation.]* In addition to the imposition of the penalties herein described, the Fire Code Official is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful

construction or to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business or occupancy of a structure on or about any premises.”

SEVERABILITY:

If any part, section or subdivision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance Number 2672 shall become effective immediately following adoption and publishing/posting pursuant to Alabama law.

DONE, ORDERED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2016.

Alberto C. Zaragoza, Jr.
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Rebecca Leavings
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Rebecca H. Leavings, as City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 2672 is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills on the 22nd day of August, 2016, as same appears in the official records of said City.

Posted at Vestavia Hills City Hall, Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest, and Vestavia Hills Recreational Center this the ___ day of _____, 2016.

Rebecca Leavings
City Clerk