ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FOR RADNOR TOWNSHIP, THE 2008 EDITION OF THE NFPA NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, AS AMENDED, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Radnor Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Radnor Township to adopt a revised Code of Regulations and administrative policy governing the installation of electrical wiring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP:

SECTION 1: That there is hereby adopted by Radnor Township the 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code as published by the National Fire Protection Association and future code editions except such portions as amended in Section 2-4 below. These rules and regulations are adopted in an attempt to ensure safe electrical wiring installations including alterations, repairs, replacements, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto, so as to safeguard life, health, and the public welfare.

SECTION 2: That the attached, Article 80 - Administration and Enforcement, as amended, is adopted and incorporated into this ordinance word for word as if set forth therein.

- A. Whenever in said Electrical Code a municipality is mentioned and no name given, said municipality shall be construed to mean the Township of Radnor; and when a state is mentioned, the same shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and where the Department of Electrical Inspection is mentioned, same shall mean the Department of Community Development.
- B. Definitions 80.2
- 1. AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION should mean "The Township of Radnor".
- APPROVED AGENCY should mean the authorized third party agency approved by Radnor Township.
- CODE OFFICIAL should mean "The Director of Community Development or their authorized agent or employee".
- DEPARTMENT. The Department of Community Development of Radnor Township and/or any authorized agent or employee thereof.
- MASTER ELECTRICIAN. Any person who shall have qualified and registered as a master electrician in accordance with the terms of this chapter and under the rules and regulations of Radnor Township.
- TOWNSHIP -- The Township of Radnor located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 3: Delete Section 80.15 in its entirety.

SECTION 4: 80.19 A (1and 2) Add 3-10:

- General. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of electrical work as a master electrician without first having obtained a license from the Department of Community Development.
- 4. License Application. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the township and shall include the name and address of the business, partnership or corporation; name of the individual to be licensed as a master electrician, along with any other information which the township may require.
- License fees. License fees shall be charged as set forth in Chapter 162, Fees, of the Township Code and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date issued.
- 6. Revocation of licenses. Any master electrician's license granted hereunder may be revoked by the Code Appeals Board for violation of any part of this code, for refusing to make the necessary corrections to work not approved by the Code official or for any other sufficient cause, after a hearing before the Code Appeals Board at a time and place of which five days' notice shall be given to the licensee.
 - The Board may, after a hearing, upon reasonable cause, revoke the license or suspend the same for a specified period of time.
- 7. Misrepresentation. It shall be unlawful for any person who does not have a master electrician's license issued by the township to engage in or represent himself as engaged in the business of electrical work within Radnor Township.
- Change of place of business. Immediate notice shall be given by any licensee hereunder to the township of any change of place of business.
- 9. License for institutions. A person certified as competent by the Code Official may be licensed as a master electrician for the care, alteration or addition of the electrical system of a designated manufacturing or mercantile building, institution, hotel, apartment or similar building, where the continuous services of a master electrician are required, and receive a certificate of license, but, in such case, the person so licensed shall not do any electrical work in any building or buildings other than those for which he is specifically licensed.

10. Insurance requirements. No license shall be issued to a master electrician unless the applicant files a certificate of insurance with the Department of Community Development at the time of license application. The certificate of insurance shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy will not be canceled, materially changed or not renewed until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to Radnor Township. The certificate of insurance must evidence policies of insurance maintained at the expense of the applicant for comprehensive liability, including products/completed operations/broad contractual and property damage; each occurrence, \$500,000.

SECTION 5: Add Section 80.23 (3) MEANS OF APPEAL.

General. Whenever the owner or contractor involved in the installation, repair or alteration of an electrical system takes exception to the decision of the Code Official in refusing to issue a permit or to approve plans as required by this Code, such owner, contractor or duly authorized agent or attorney may, within 10 days after such decision, take an appeal there from to the Code Appeals Board. Such appeal shall be in writing, state the decision of the Code Official and the reasons for the exception taken thereto and be filed with the Township Secretary. The Code Appeals Board shall, within 30 days from receipt of such appeal, fix a date, time and location to consider the appeal and to allow the person to be heard if he states his desire to do so in the written appeal. A prompt decision shall be rendered by the Code Appeals Board and duly recorded, with such decision being final.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: From the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions of the aforementioned code shall be controlling the construction of all buildings and other structures within the confines of Radnor Township

SECTION 8: The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provisions shall for any reason be illegal or invalid, such holding shall not effect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 9: This ordinance being necessary for the development of Radnor Township, and the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Radnor Township, this ordinance shall be in full force effective February 25, 2010.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 22nd day of February, 2010.

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR

By

John Nagle, President

Attest:

Matthew S. Baumann, Secretary