

ORDINANCE NO. 173

A Bill for an ordinance to amend Sections 4 and 12 of Ordinance 161, 1966, providing for and specifying the duties and authority of the Town Electrical Inspector and regulating the installation of electric wiring and appliances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING:

SECTION 1. That Section 4 of Ordinance 161, 1966, be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTOR.

The Electrical Inspector is hereby authorized to enter any building, dwelling or structure in the Town of Mills for the purpose of inspecting electrical work, electrical wiring, electrical installations or other electrical appliances or apparatus upon the following terms and conditions:

(1) Where electrical work is being performed in or upon new construction, or an addition or alteration to an existing electrical system is being made, which electrical work, addition or alteration requires a permit under this Ordinance, the Electrical Inspector may make such inspections of the electrical work, addition or alteration as he deems essential so as to enable him to carry out all of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) The Electrical Inspector may, once in each calendar year, make an inspection of existing electrical wiring, installation, appliance or apparatus whether or not changes, alterations or additions are contemplated or have been made thereto. In addition to the aforesaid yearly inspection, if the Electrical Inspector has reasonable cause to believe, and does believe, that any electrical wire or other electrical installation, appliance or apparatus is defective or is about to become defective by reason of improper or insufficient insulation or for any other reason is dangerous or is about to become dangerous, he may make an inspection of such electrical wire, installation, appliance or apparatus so as to enable him to carry out all of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) Provided, however, that prior to making any inspection under this Ordinance, the Electrical Inspector shall (a) present his Inspector's credentials to the owner or other person having the custody, possession or control of the property on which the electrical inspection is to take place, and (b) advise the owner or other person having the custody, possession or

control of the said property of the impending inspection and arrange with him an acceptable time when the Electrical Inspector may enter the property and make the electrical inspection.

(4) Following an electrical inspection, the Electrical Inspector shall, in addition to the performance of his other duties under this Ordinance, provide to the Town Council and to the owner or other person having the custody, possession or control of the property on which the inspection was made, a report of the inspection. The inspection report shall state whether or not the electrical wiring, installation, appliance or apparatus inspected complies with the standards set by this Ordinance, and if such electrical wiring, installation, appliance or apparatus does not so comply, the said report shall state with particularity the changes, alterations, or additions which must be made in order to bring the electrical wiring, installation, appliance or apparatus up to the standards set by this Ordinance.

A. AUTHORITY OF INSPECTOR TO REFUSE TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE.

The Town Electrical Inspector is hereby given the authority to refuse to issue a Certificate for any addition or extension to any wiring system in or on any building or property where, in his estimation, the wiring is in an unsafe condition. In case the work does not comply with the Ordinance and the National Electric Code, he shall issue a written statement with twenty-four (24) hours as to the changes necessary to bring the work up to standard.

B. CONDEMNED DEFECTIVE WIRING.

Whenever any electrical wire or other piece of electrical apparatus is or shall become defective, by reason of improper or insufficient insulation, or for any other cause become dangerous, the said Town Electrical Inspector shall at once notify the owner, or the agent of the owner of said electrical apparatus to repair or remove the same, and upon the owner's failure to repair or remove the wire or apparatus within a reasonable time, the said Town Electrical Inspector shall cause the turning off of all electrical current.

C. ELECTRIC PLANT INSPECTION.

That it shall be the duty of the Town Electrical Inspector to inspect all private and isolated electric plants (exclusive of public utility corporation plants) now in operation in the Town or hereafter installed, once in each year or more often, and he shall see that any dangerous or defective

machinery, wires or appliances are removed or remedied immediately at the expense of said agent or owner.

D. ACTION IN CASE OF FIRE.

That every company, firm, co-partnership or individual owning or controlling electrical wires and apparatus for the transmission of light, heat or power shall, as soon as possible, after receipt of notice of a fire, have an agent or representative at the fire, whose duty shall be to cut, deaden and test any of the power wires that might endanger the lives or property of anyone in that vicinity. The Town Electrical Inspector shall, upon receipt of notice of a fire, proceed at once to the scene of such fire and render such aid or advice as may be required.

E. INSPECT OLD WORK UPON REQUEST.

Upon request of the property owner, the Town Electrical Inspector shall inspect any old wiring or electrical apparatus in or on any building or property within the corporate limits of the Town of Mills, County of Natrona, upon payment of a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for residences, Five Dollars (\$5.00) for buildings other than residences, and shall thereupon issue a Certificate of Inspection if the installation is in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the National Electrical Code. In case the installation does not comply with the Ordinance and the National Electric Code, he shall issue a written statement as to the changes necessary to bring the installation up to the standard.

F. NOTICE FROM INSPECTOR TO CONNECT OR DISCONNECT CIRCUIT.

It shall be unlawful for any light, heat or power company to make any electrical connections to any building or property until a Certificate of Approval has been issued by the Town Electrical Inspector, (excepting power houses and sub-stations of electric light, heat, and power companies, operating under a franchise granted by the Town of Mills, and excepting equipment installed by companies operating under a Federal, State or Town franchise in the telephone, telegraph, railroad and radio transmitting industries). All such forms, corporations or individuals shall, upon written notice from the Town Electrical Inspector, disconnect from any circuit as designated by said notice and shall not reconnect said circuit except upon written notice from the Town Electrical Inspector.

The Electrical Inspector is also hereby authorized and shall have the authority to cause the turning off of all electrical current and cut or disconnect, in cases of emergency, any wire where such electrical currents are dangerous to life or property or may interfere with the work of the Fire

Department.

G. NOTICE GIVEN ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION OTHER THAN FINAL INSPECTION.

After inspecting the electrical wiring of any building, the Town Electrical Inspector shall leave notice in the form of a tag attached to the service switch. This notice shall clearly state that the work has been passed upon by the Electrical Inspector, and on new or remodeled construction, no workman shall lath seal or in any manner conceal any electric wiring until he knows positively that it has been passed. If the wiring is in such position as to interfere with the completion of the building as called for by the plans, the wiring contractor must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours to have the necessary changes made. The Town Electrical Inspector must in all cases when such is practical, inspect all electrical wiring within the corporate limits of the Town of Mills within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of notice from the electrical contractor, stating that the work is completed.

H. GENERAL SAFETY SUPERVISION.

That the Town Electrical Inspector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have the general supervision over the placing, stringing and attaching of telephone, telegraph, electric light or other wires, only insofar as fire prevention, accident or injury to persons or property is concerned, and any or all of such wires or electrical apparatus now existing, as well as those hereafter constructed and placed, shall be subject to such supervision.

Section 2. THAT SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE 161, 1966, BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 12. PRIVATE WORK.

(A) A permit to perform electrical work in or about his own property may be issued to the owner, provided that all work thereunder shall be done with his own hands. The Electrical Inspector, however, shall not issue such permit unless the person who is to perform the work is specifically named in the permit or countersigns the permit.

(B) Under this Ordinance, a Permit would not be required to do normal maintenance work required on any building, structure or residence. However, any additions, extensions to, or modifications of existing electrical installations shall require an electrical permit.

Passed on First Reading the 10 day of February, 1967.

Passed on Second Reading the 3 day of March, 1967.

Passed on third and final reading the 5 day of May, 1967.

Signed *George Sword*
George Sword, Mayor

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Attest: *Norene Reed*
Norene Reed, Town Clerk

I, Norene Reed, Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 173. entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4 AND 12 OF ORDINANCE 161, 1966, PROVIDING FOR AND SPECIFYING THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC WIRING AND APPLIANCES." Passed on third reading by the Town Council of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, at a regular meeting held at the Council Chambers in the Town Hall, on the 5 day of May, 1967.

Signed *Norene Reed*
Town Clerk

I, regularly appointed, duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, do hereby certify that signed, attested, sealed and certified copies of this Ordinance No. 173, approved and passed as certified above, were, following its passage by the Town Council, posted up in three public places within the Town of Mills, Wyoming, for a period of ten days as required by law; that it took effect and became in force as a legal Ordinance of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, on the 25 day of May, 1967.

Signed *Norene Reed*
Town Clerk