ORDINANCE NO. 347

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 321 TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FOR INSPECTIONS AND FIXING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR; REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ELECTRIC WIRING, ELECTRIC FIXTURES, AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME; REVISING ORDINANCE NUMBER 321 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THERewith, AND ADOPTING THEREBY THOSE CERTAIN PRINTED ELECTRICAL CODES PRINTED IN BOOK FORM ENTITLED "UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE" 1951 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE PACIFIC COAST ELECTRICAL BUREAU, AND "NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE," 1951 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS, THREE COPIES OF WHICH ARE NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK FOR USE AND EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, those certain documents in book form, entitled "Uniform Electrical Code," 1951 Edition, published by the Pacific Coast Electrical Bureau, and "National Electrical Code," 1951 Edition, published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, three copies of each of which are now on file in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Solano, State of California, are hereby adopted and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, as the Electrical Code of the unincorporated area of the County of Solano, State of California.

SECTION 2. MEANING OF TERMS.

Whenever any of the following names or terms are used in said Uniform Electrical Code or in this ordinance, each such name or term shall be deemed and construed to have the following meaning:

a. "City of _____" or "City" shall mean the County of Solano, or the unincorporated territory of the County.

b. "City Council" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano.

c. "State of _____" shall mean the State of California.

d. "Chief Electrical Inspector" shall mean the County Inspector of the County of Solano.

SECTION 3. COUNTY INSPECTOR.

Subdivision B of Section 1 of said Uniform Electrical Code, is hereby changed to read as follows, as adopted by this ordinance:

It shall be unlawful for the County Inspector or any of his assistants to engage in the business of the sale, installation or maintenance of electric wiring, electric devices and electric material either directly or indirectly, and they shall have no financial interest in any concern engaged in such business at any time while holding such office of County Inspector.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF COUNTY INSPECTOR.

In addition to the duties prescribed by Section 1 of said Uniform Electrical Code, the County Inspector shall have supervision of all electrical work in and on all buildings and structures in the County of Solano, and it shall be his duty to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance and of said Uniform Electrical Code and of any other ordinance which is now in effect or which may hereafter be adopted regulating electrical wiring.

SECTION 5. LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or political subdivision to do any electrical wiring, as defined in said Uniform Electrical Code, within Solano County without first having procured a permit as provided herein.

SECTION 6. REGISTRATION.

Before any person, firm or corporation shall carry on or engage in electrical wiring or electrical work regulated by this ordinance, such person, firm or corporation shall first register within the office of the Solano County Planning Commission and on uniform forms prescribed and furnished by the Planning Commission office, the name, address and such other pertinent information as required on said forms including the number and dates of contractor's license issued by the State of California.
SECTION 2. PERSON DOING OWN WORK.
Paragraph C of Section 2 of said Uniform Electrical Code is hereby changed to read as follows:
C. Any person desiring to do his or her own electrical work or wiring, as regulated by this Ordinance, on property owned and operated by him or her shall first make application at the Solano County Planning Commission office on uniform form furnished by that office. By his or her own work it is to mean only that work which will be done by physical effort of the person requesting the work permit assisted by such others as might be qualified to help the physical effort of the applicant. A special owner’s permit authorizing such work shall be issued during office hours. If this provision shall be violated by the holder of the special owner’s permit, such permit, shall be suspended by the Building Inspector of Solano County until the next meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission regular meeting when the suspension will be upheld or denied by the Planning Commission Board. In any case where the Planning Commission Board suspends a special owner’s permit, that permit holder may make an appeal in writing not later than five days after official notification of the Planning Board’s action by addressing a letter to the Board of Supervisors of Solano County with a copy of the appeal to the Solano County Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors shall hear the case not later than thirty days from the time of receipt of the appeal. The Solano County Planning Commission Board will be notified in writing of the day set by the Board of Supervisors to hear the appeal.
Should it be that the holder of a “Special Owner’s Permit” violates any section of this ordinance he or she may be held liable for any penalties hereinafter provided for violation of the ordinance.
SECTION 8. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FEES.
Any person, firm, corporation or political subdivision to whom a permit for doing electrical work has been issued shall pay the fees set forth in said Uniform Electrical Code of 1951 Edition, in Section 5 thereof.
SECTION 9. ADDITIONS AS TO WIRING DETAILS.
All apartment houses, stores, office buildings, factory buildings, shops, warehouses and all other commercial buildings must be wired in a metallic raceway system.
SECTION 10. ELECTRIC SIGNS
All electric signs erected or installed shall be approved by Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated.
SECTION 11. Sections 11 to and including 15 of said Uniform Electrical Code are hereby omitted as said code is adopted by this ordinance.
SECTION 12. Nothing in this ordinance shall conflict with rules and regulations adopted by any power company doing business in the County of Solano, which said rules and regulations have been or shall hereafter be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, particularly such rules and regulations as pertain to the location of meters and the construction and maintenance of pole lines.
SECTION 13. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.
It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to do any electrical wiring or engage in the business of electrical wiring, as defined in this ordinance, contrary to and in violation of any provision of this ordinance or of said Uniform Electrical Code, or to cause, permit or suffer the same to be done.
Any person, firm or corporation violating or causing or permitting to be violated any provision of this ordinance or of said Uniform Electrical Code shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and each such person, firm or corporation shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any such provision is committed, continued or permitted, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the County Jail of the County of Solano, State of California, for not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.
SECTION 14. VALIDITY.
If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of
the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 14. REPEALING.

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

SECTION 15. This ordinance shall be published once on or before the eighth day from and after its passage in Vallejo Times Herald a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the County of Solano, and shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after its passage.

D. A. MORRIS
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California.

ATTEST: LEWIS MUERILL
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of said Board.

I, LEWIS MUERILL, County Clerk of the County of Solano, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular session of said Board held on the 25th day of January, 1952.

AYES: Supervisors Bell, Church, Goheen, Morrison and Mowers.

ABSENT: Supervisors None.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Board this 25th day of January, 1952.

LEWIS MUERILL [Seal]
Chair