

SWAN'S ISLAND
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Section 1. ENACTMENT AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Title 30-A MRSA § 4151 et seq. and applies to original installations of electrical equipment and alterations or additions to existing electrical equipment.

Section 2. ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by a Local Electrical Inspector who shall be appointed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen may also appoint a Deputy Local Electrical Inspector. Whenever the term Electrical Inspector is used hereafter in this Ordinance, the term shall include the Deputy Electrical Inspector.

Section 3. PERMIT REQUIRED

- A. No electrical equipment shall be installed in, altered, or added to any building, structure or premises within the territorial limits of the Town of Swan's Island unless an Electrical Installation Permit has been issued under this Ordinance.
- B. No permit shall be required to do minor repair work such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. The replacement of fuses;
 - 2. The installation of additional outlets;
 - 3. The replacement of existing switches, sockets, outlets and lamps;
 - 4. Repairs to entrance service equipment; and
 - 5. Repairs or installation of radio and low voltage equipment.
- C. Emergency work may be undertaken without first obtaining a permit. A permit shall then be obtained as soon as is reasonably possible.
- D. No major deviation may be made from the installation described in the permit without the prior written approval of the Local Electrical Inspector.

Section 4 APPLICATION FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION PERMIT

Application for an Electrical Installation Permit shall be made in writing on a form approved by the Local Electrical Inspector describing the work to be done and signed by the applicant

- A. If the proposed work is to be performed in a single-family structure, the applicant shall be the owner of that structure.
- B. In all other cases the applicant shall be the licensed master electrician employed to do the proposed work; a holder of a limited license who may obtain a permit within such limited licensee's area of expertise; or the general contractor for the construction project of which the proposed work is a part, providing that the contractor shall provide as a part of the application the name, address and license number of the licensed electrician employed to do the proposed work.

Section 5. EXPIRATION OF PERMIT

Any permit issued under this section shall expire if:

- A. The authorized work is not commenced within six (6) months after issuance of the permit;
- B. The authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six (6) months after the time of commencing the work;
- C. The authorized work is not completed within twenty-four (24) months after the issuance of the permit, or
- D. The permit holder fails to correct a violation of any provision of this Ordinance within the time prescribed in a Notice of Violation hereunder.

Section 6. PERMIT FEES

The fee for a permit hereunder shall be:

<u>Proposed Work</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Change in size of Residential Service Entrance	\$25.00
Installation, addition or alteration to:	
Single-family residence	\$25.00
Two or more-family residence	\$25.00
	per family dwelling unit
Commercial structure:	\$50.00

Section 7. CONFORMITY TO NFPA CODE

All installations of electrical equipment must be reasonably safe to persons and property. Conformity with applicable provisions of National Fire Protection Association No. 70 - National Electric Code (2002 Ed.) and its subsequent amendments is prima facie evidence that an installation is reasonably safe to persons and property.

Section 8 CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

- A. The applicant, by obtaining a permit, consents to the inspection by the Local Electrical Inspector of work and equipment described in the permit at all reasonable times during the course of the authorized work to insure compliance with this Ordinance

- B. Prior to the sale, lease, use or occupancy of any building, structure, portion of a structure or premises for which a Permit has been issued, the permit holder shall obtain a Certificate of Acceptance from the Local Electrical Inspector stating that the electrical equipment is in conformity with the standards set forth for electrical equipment in Section 7 of this Ordinance. Prior to the issuing a Certification of Acceptance, the Local Electrical Inspector shall inspect the property to see that all requirements of this ordinance have been met. A Certificate of Acceptance shall be issued or denied within 4 working days of application for inspection by the permit holder, and failure to issue a Certificate within 4 working days shall be deemed an approval of the request for a Certificate, subject to further proceedings under Section 9.

Section 9 ENFORCEMENT

- A. Upon the discovery of any electrical equipment which does not comply with this Ordinance, the Local Electrical Inspector may make a written complaint to the State Electrical Inspector in accordance with Title 32 MRSA § 1104.
- B. Whenever the Local Electrical Inspector determines that there is a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, written notice of such violation shall be given to the property owner and the person making the installation, if known. Such written notice shall contain:
 - 1. A description of the building, structure or premises in question in sufficient detail to identify it;
 - 2. A description of the violation found and a citation to the provisions of this Ordinance or the NFPA Code violated;
 - 3. The remedial action required for correction of such violation;
and
 - 4. A date by which such violation must be corrected.
- C. Prosecution of violations of this Ordinance shall be made pursuant to 30-A MRSA § 4452. The penalties include, but are not limited to, fines, injunctive relief and the reimbursement of the Town's attorney's fees and costs.

Section 10 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance or any amendments thereto shall be the day immediately following it/their adoption at a Regular or Special Town Meeting.

Section 11 CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the Swan's island Electrical Installation and Inspection Ordinance duly adopted at a Regular or Special Town Meeting held on _____, 2004

Town Clerk

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