

ORDINANCE NO. 63-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE  
FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2014 EDITION OF  
THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE ARKANSAS  
BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**Section 1:** Section 6-151 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

- (a) For the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, installation, repair, alteration and maintenance related to electric wiring apparatus and fixtures, the certain electrical code known as the National Electrical Code, 2014 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association, as adopted by the Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners, save and except portions as are hereinafter modified or amended, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby adopted as fully as if set out verbatim herein; and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the City. Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2014 National Electrical Code, arc fault circuit interrupters shall not be required in kitchens and laundry rooms.
- (b) The Code adopted in subsection (a) is hereby amended by the adoption of the 2014 edition of that separate code referred to as the City Electrical Code of which not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the City Clerk.

**Section 2:** Section 6-153 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is amended as follows:

- (a) Subsections numbered (1), (2), (7), (8), (9), (12), (17), (18), and (19) are repealed and the codifier shall renumber the remaining subsections accordingly within Section 6-153.
- (b) Subsection (4)a. is amended to delete "single-family dwellings" and to replace it with "One and Two Family dwellings and their attached or detached garages, and their storage buildings."
- (c) Subsection (4)b. is amended to read: "Multi-family dwellings of three (3) stories or less, unless the multifamily or one and two family dwelling is located in the Fort Smith Fire District in which case metallic sheathed cable or conduit shall be used."
- (d) The second paragraph of number (10), beginning with "Where home runs" and ending with "the total length of runs" is repealed in its entirety.
- (e) The first sentence of number (11) of Section 6-153 shall be amended to read "No aluminum wiring of less than 100 amperes capacity shall be used."

(f) In number (13) of Section 6-153, the words "washing machines" and "garbage disposal" are repealed.

**Section 3:** Sections 6-156, 6-158, and 6-159 are repealed.

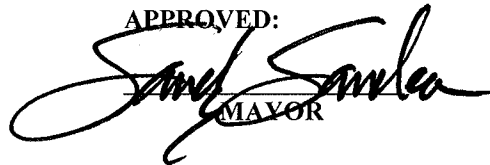
**Section 4:** The last sentence of Section 6-161, i.e., "It is highly recommended that existing swimming pool underwater lighting be converted to this low voltage system," is repealed.

**Section 5:** The codifier shall codify the amendments made by this Ordinance in the identified sections of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

**Section 6:** Emergency Clause. It is hereby found and determined that an emergency exists in the need to establish current rules and regulations relating to electric wiring apparatus and fixtures, namely, the National Electric Code, 2014 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association, as adopted by the Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners, and the adoption and immediate effectiveness of same is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Fort Smith. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be effective on November 21, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2014

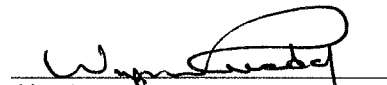
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