



Amendments to the 2020 National Electrical Code

The following articles, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2020 National Electrical Code (NEC)* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the NEC. Underlined text is new language that has been inserted. ~~Lined through~~ type is deleted text from NEC.

Article 90.4 Enforcement; amend this section to add a new Subsection 90.4.1 to read as follows:

Article 90.4.1 Violation and Penalties. Whenever the authority having jurisdiction determines that there are violations of this Code, a written notice shall be issued to confirm such findings.

Any order or notice issued pursuant to this Code shall be served upon the owner, operator, occupant, or other person responsible for the condition or violation, either by personal service or mail or by delivering the same to, and leaving it with, some person or responsibility on the premises. For unattended or abandoned locations, a copy of such order or notice shall be posted on the premises in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to such premises and the order or notice shall be mailed by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner, occupant, or both.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Code or who fails to carry out an order made pursuant to this Code or violates any condition attached to a permit, approval, or certificate shall be subject to the penalties established by this jurisdiction.

Failure to comply with the time limits of an abatement notice or other corrective notice issued by the authority having jurisdiction shall result in each day that such violation continues being regarded as a new and separate offense.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall willfully violate any of the applicable provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of a Class A municipal offense. Each separate day, or portion thereof, during which any violation of said Code occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable as herein provided. The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans and specifications shall not be deemed or construed to be a permit for, and approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of the National Electric Code. No permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of said Code shall be valid, except insofar as the work or use, which is authorized, is lawful. Any municipal offense under the National Electric Code, 2020 Edition, shall be deemed one of "strict liability".

(Reason: Clarifies procedures and penalties for violations to this Code)

Article 210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel; amend to add sentence to read as follows:

210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel. Ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel shall be provided as required in 210.8(A) through (F). The ground-fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in a readily accessible location. All G.F.C.I. protection shall be resettable in rooms where protection is required, including outside receptacles.

(Reason: Clarifies that the GFCI reset shall be within the same room that the device is located.)

Article 590.3 Time Constraints: add new Subsection (E) to read as follows:

590.3 Time Constraints.

(E) Permanent services on buildings which are energized for construction work will be considered as temporary service equipment until such time as the final inspection is complete.

(Reason: Provides clarity for when the temporary electric service status ends)

Article 680.71 Protection: add the following paragraph to read as follows:

680.71 Protection. Hydromassage bathtubs.....(remainder of paragraph unchanged)

All G.F.C.I. protection shall be located within the same room. It is to be installed five feet (5') above finished floor and six feet (6') from hydro-massage bathtub. The cord is not to exceed three feet (3') from motor to receptacle installed near the access door protected by the resettable G.F.C.I. outlet mounted on wall. (The resettable G.F.C.I. is not to be mounted under the tub.)

(Reason: Establishes specific requirements for electrical serving hydromassage tubs)

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