

**CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Ordinance No. 2010-06

AMENDMENT TO THE CECIL COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LAWS

Chapter 211 – Electrical Standards, Administration, and Inspections

WHEREAS, by virtue of House Bill 340, the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County may establish electrical standards, administration and inspections; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislative Delegation and the Governor of Maryland approved House Bill 340, which repeals Chapter 99 of the Code of Cecil County – Board of Electrical Examiners and Licensing of Electricians; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Permits and Inspections has recommended a new Chapter 211 – Electrical Standards, Administration, and Inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County and the Department of Permits and Inspections conducted a public hearing regarding said Chapter 211 on August 17, 2010, (said hearing having been duly advertised).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County, State of Maryland that Chapter 99 is hereby repealed and Chapter 211 is enacted replacing all preceding versions of Chapter 99.

Introduced at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County, this
___ day of _____, 2010.

Adopted at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissions for Cecil County, this
_____ day of _____, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CECIL COUNTY

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Chapter 211 - Electrical Standards, Administration and Inspections

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ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

211-1 Purpose.

This chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority contained in the Annotated Code of Maryland. This chapter is enacted for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cecil County by implementing specific requirements and establishing reasonable safeguards for the installation and repair of electrical systems and equipment. This chapter shall be known as the Electrical Standards for Cecil County.

211-2 Adoption of Standards.

The National Electrical Code, including all annexes, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted as the Cecil County Electrical Code, and it is incorporated by reference hereto and is made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein, save and except such changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, substitutions and additions as are specified. All electrical installations in Cecil County shall meet the standards and requirements set forth by the National Electrical Code as promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners and adopted by the County Commissioners.

211-3 Applicability.

No person may install, replace, or erect any kind of electrical wiring, conduits, or wiring to or repair of electrical elements or circuits of machinery and fixed or stationary appliances, motors, fixtures, signs, electrically operated heating equipment, elevators, or any other electrically operated apparatus or device in, on or about any premises in Cecil County without having obtained a license and permit as required by the County and/or the state, or having otherwise complied with these regulations, except:

- 1) Any electric light or power company, any railway company, any telegraph or telephone company, or any cable television company or any persons performing electrical work for any such company when such work is a part of the plant or services used by the company in rendering its authorized services to the public or to businesses regulated by the Public Service Commission.
- 2) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to installations or equipment of the United States Government.
- 3) For specific permit requirements, refer to Section 211-21.

211-4 Definitions.

Board – The Cecil County Board of Electrical Examiners.

Building Official – The Director of the Department of Permits and Inspections, or his designee.

Code – The adopted Cecil County Electrical Code.

Continuing Education – Any course or training in practical techniques, installation procedures and materials based on the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, administered by a State of Maryland recognized training program, or by a college, trade school, organization or individual approved by the Board.

County Commissioners – The County Commissioners of Cecil County.

Cut In Card – The written authorization from an authorized inspection agency to the power company in order to connect power to an electrical system.

Department – The Department of Permits and Inspections.

Electrical Code - The County Electrical Code, which includes the adopted edition of the National Electrical Code and any amendments pursuant to this chapter.

Electrical Permit – An approved application to do electrical work that has been filed with the Department.

Electrical Work – Installing, replacing, alteration, addition, or erection of all or part of any electrical wiring, fixture, appliance, apparatus, raceway or conduit that generates, transmits, transforms or utilizes electrical energy for light, heat, power or communications.

Electrician:

Master Electrician - A person licensed by the County to install, repair and maintain a particular appliance, apparatus, device or fixture in accordance with the Electrical Code, including but not limited to electrical raceways, conductors, fixtures, signs, motors, switchgears and distribution systems, fixed electrical heating systems or any other fixed electrical equipment or apparatus which conducts or consumes electricity.

Limited Electrician – A person licensed by the County to install, repair and maintain a particular appliance, apparatus, device or fixture in accordance with the Electrical Code, limited to branch wiring for automatic heating furnaces whose principal operation is derived from fuel oil, gas, steam or coal; refrigeration and air conditioning equipment; illuminated signs; elevators; x-ray machines and similar specialties.

Inspection Agency – One or more nongovernmental organization(s) recommended by the Board of Electrical Examiners and designated by the Board of County Commissioners as the approved inspection agency or agencies. Such designation shall be by administrative resolution of the County Commissioners upon application by the agency or agencies.

Inspection Certificate – The certificate of inspection issued by the inspector/inspection Agency indicating that the installation is in conformity with this Code and the current adopted electrical code. Copies of the certificate are required to be forwarded to the County by the owner, contractor or their agent prior to use or occupancy of the structure.

Inspector – An individual employed by a non-governmental agency who is licensed through the State Fire Marshal's Office and has been approved by the County Commissioners to perform electrical inspections. An inspector may also be an individual who is hired by the County as a County employee who meets the requirements of the specific job description for the position.

Shelved License – A license that is inactive, but can be reactivated for renewal and paying the renewal license fee for the applicable class.

211-5 Code.

There is hereby adopted by the County Commissioners of Cecil County for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the installation, renewal, extension and reception of electrical wiring and electrical apparatus in existing buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays and signs, or in the construction, reconstruction alteration or repair of buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays or signs, that certain code known as the "National Electrical Code", as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, being particularly the current edition thereof and the whole thereof, hereinafter referred to as the "National Electrical Code", and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this chapter takes effect, the provisions thereof and all amendments thereto shall be controlling for all existing and future electrical wiring and apparatus in buildings, structures or outdoor electrical displays or signs within the corporate limits of Cecil County, Maryland.

211-6 through 211-10 Reserved

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

211-11 Membership; Terms; Vacancies

- A)** The County Commissioners of Cecil County shall appoint a board, which shall be known as the Board of Electrical Examiners, consisting of seven (7) persons for the purpose of examining the qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are engaged in, or desire to engage in, the business of master electrician or limited electrician as defined in this chapter.
- B)** Said Board shall consist of seven (7) members. All members shall be residents of Cecil County. The Board so appointed shall consist of not more than four (4) and not fewer than three (3) persons, who are competent practical Cecil County electricians who have been duly licensed as master electricians for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the appointment. One (1) member shall be a person whose name appears on a list of candidates recommended by the Cecil County Fireman's Association, if such a list is furnished to the County Commissioners. The remaining member or members shall be persons selected by the County Commissioners as they may deem appropriate who may or may not be from the building industry, a utility company or the general public.
- C)** Two of the members appointed shall serve a term of one (1) year, three of the members appointed shall serve terms of two (2) years and two of the members appointed shall serve term of three (3) years. All appointments for successors to the members appointed shall be for a period of three (3) years.
- D)** If a vacancy occurs for any cause during the term of a board member as herein provided for the County Commissioners shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of said board member. In the case of a vacancy from among the practical electrician board members, the Board of Electrical Examiners shall submit to the County Commissioners a list of three (3) names of potential replacements.

211-12 Officer

The members of said Board shall respectively take and subscribe the oath required by other state officers. They shall have the power to elect out of their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer and adopt such bylaws for the transaction of business, as they deem expedient and necessary.

211-13 Salaries and Compensation

Each member of said Board shall receive compensation at a rate the County determines for attending meetings and other expenses incurred in connection with their official duties. Any compensation and expense of said Board shall be paid out of the budget of the Department of Permits and Inspections.

211-14 Meeting and Quorum.

The Board shall meet at least quarterly in each year in Cecil County and shall hold special meetings as frequently as the proper and efficient discharge of its business requires. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business. In all proceedings of the Board, a majority of all members thereof shall be necessary to bind the Board.

211-15 Powers and Duties.

The Board of Electrical Examiners shall advise the County Commissioners and aid in the supervision and enforcement of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the authority of this Code and Maryland law. The Board shall act as an appeals board concerning matters arising under the Electrical Code and any licensing provisions. The Board is authorized to adopt rules of procedure. The Board shall perform other functions as delegated from time to time by the County Commissioners and shall be designated with the following duties and powers:

- 1) To recommend changes in this chapter setting up licensing regulations.
- 2) To prepare and administer electrical licensing examinations.
- 3) To make recommendations for the changes in codes pertaining to electrical work in Cecil County.
- 4) To aid in the conducting of hearings as determined necessary by the County Commissioners on electrical regulations and business.
- 5) To approve reciprocal licensing agreements with other municipalities and local governments with similar regulations.
- 6) To recommend enforcement procedures as may be desirable and necessary to assist the Department of Permits and Inspections from time to time as it pertains to electrical inspections, specific issues, or violations.
- 7) The Board shall maintain minutes of its meetings. The Board shall maintain appropriate records relating to licensing of electricians and hearings.

- 8) Through the Department of Permits and Inspections, the Board of Electrical Examiners shall maintain minutes of its meetings. The Department of Permits and Inspections shall maintain appropriate records relating to the licensing of electricians, permits, and hearings.
- 9) The Board of Electrical Examiners shall advise the County Commissioners on other functions considered helpful in the control and conduct of electrical business and installations within Cecil County.

211-16 Legal Advice and Assistance.

The County Attorney and/or his designee shall act as legal advisor to the Board and render such legal assistance as the Board may request from time to time. The County Attorney and/or his designee shall represent the County and assist in any prosecution of violations of this chapter.

211-17 Appeals

Any person affected by any decision made in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this Code, or of a regulation adopted pursuant to this Code, may request and may be granted a hearing before the Board of Electrical Examiners in a manner as prescribed by this Code.

The appellant shall apply for a hearing within fifteen (15) days of the order, notice or decision from which they are affected or which they feel was unreasonable. The appellant in any matter shall have the burden of proof and shall also be responsible for any cost incurred as established by the County Commissioners.

Any decision of the Board of Electrical Examiners may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Maryland in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

211-18 Annual Report.

The Board shall through the Department of Permits and Inspections submit an annual report to the County Commissioners, before the first Tuesday of August of each year containing a detailed statement of all activities pertaining to licenses, examinations and violations handled by the Board during the preceding fiscal year. The Board shall submit to the County Commissioners minutes of any meetings.

211-19 and 211-20 Reserved

ARTICLE III – ADMINISTRATION

211 – 21 Permit Required

A) In the case of any electrical installation for which a permit is required under this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or allow to be maintained such installation if it was installed without a permit and/or does not conform to the requirements of this chapter.

Exception: No permit shall be required to repair portable electrical equipment, or lighting fixtures, to repair or replace sockets, receptacles or snap switches, or make other minor repairs at existing outlets, or to replace motors with motors of the same horsepower rating. The motor for motor replacement shall be like for like replacement.

B) Any person permitted to install electrical work must first secure a permit to do so from the Department of Permits and Inspections of Cecil County or the Department so designated by the County Commissioners before starting any such work. Upon notification to the Department, in cases of emergency they may proceed without permits, inspections and approval but shall acquire all such approvals within a reasonable time.

C) In the case of any existing electrical installations, it shall be unlawful for these installations to be maintained in a hazardous and unsafe condition and it is the responsibility of the owner to acquire the necessary permits to correct such hazardous and unsafe conditions in accordance with the Electrical Code.

D) Where the master electrician who was originally issued a permit is removed from the work by the owner and is being replaced by another master electrician, the owner shall notify the Department of Permits and Inspections, in writing of the proposed change. A new permit may be issued and at this time, the new master electrician shall be required to sign documentation assuming responsibility for the work for the entire project. The fee for the new permit shall be the same as the original permit. .

211– 22 Licensing and Insurance

A) There are three classes of electrical licenses as defined in Section 211-4 of this chapter:

- 1) Master
- 2) Limited
- 3) Shelved

B) No person may install or erect any kind of electrical wiring, conduits, or wiring to or repair of electrical elements or circuits of machinery and fixed or stationary

appliances, motors, fixtures, signs, electrically operated heating equipment, elevators, or other electrically operated apparatus or device in, on or about any premises in Cecil County without having obtained a license and permit as required by the County, and/or the state, or having otherwise complied with these regulations except:

- 1) Utility company regulated by the Public Service Commission of Maryland when working on the line side of a meter.
 - 2) Radio and television transmitting stations licensed and commissioned by the Federal Communications Commission regulations.
- C)** Before the Board of Electrical Examiners shall issue or renew an electrician's license, it shall require the applicant to:
- 1) Provide the Board with such current information as to experience, education and training in or related to the construction, maintenance, installation or repair of all types of electrical equipment and apparatus or, in the case of an application for a limited electrician's license, such information as it relates to the particular type of license requested (i.e.: HVAC, signs, low voltage, etc.,). All information shall be strictly confidential.
 - 2) Pass a written examination conducted by the Board predicated upon the standards of the Electrical Code and rules and regulations adopted by the Board and the County Commissioners.
 - 3) Pay to the County, at the time of filing the application, a nonrefundable fee in the amount as set forth in the fee schedule adopted by the County Commissioners.
 - 4) Carry general liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 and property damage insurance in the amount of \$100,000. Notice of cancellation of general liability insurance or property insurance shall be forwarded to the Board by both the applicant and the insurer within 10 days after the cancellation date. Any license holder whose insurance expires and fails to renew such insurance shall have their license suspended. Inactive license holders are exempt from this requirement.
 - 5) Provide verification of five (5) hours of continuing education during the preceding year prior to license renewal.
 - 6) All approvals or denials of such applications shall be personally served or mailed by certified mail to the address on the application.

- 7) In all instances where there is a requirement that an applicant for a license meet a preliminary time provision, it is the duty and responsibility of the applicant to provide statements of service and supervision of the persons under whom the applicant served. The statements shall be signed under oath by the applicant and the certifying person.
- 8) A person who qualifies for a license under this chapter shall pay to the County Commissioners a license fee as set by the County Commissioners.
- 9) A licensee who qualifies to renew a license under this chapter may renew the license on or before the first day of May.
- 10) Each license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be for a period not to exceed one year. All licenses shall expire on the first day of May in each year.
- 11) Meet all guidelines established by the State of Maryland.

D) Shelved license.

- 1) Any master or limited electrician may shelve his or her license in inactive status. Thereupon, the licensee may not engage in any electrical work governed by this chapter.
- 2) A shelved license shall be reactivated upon written request by the licensee to the Board of Electrical Examiners and payment of the ordinary renewal license fee and supporting documentation for the applicable class.
- 3) The insurance requirement of 211-22.4 above need not be kept in force while a license is shelved.

211 – 23 Inspections and Approvals

- 1) Upon the completion of any installation of electrical equipment that has been made under a permit, it shall be the duty of the person, firm, or corporation making the installation to notify the Electrical Inspector having jurisdiction, who shall inspect the work within a reasonable time.
- 2) Certification of the electrical installations is required within 15 days after completion, and each such installation shall be certified by an authorized electrical inspection agency or governmental unit that is qualified to issue inspection certificates.

- 3) When any portion of an electrical installation within the jurisdiction is to be hidden from view by the permanent placement of parts of the building, the person, firm or corporation installing such equipment shall notify the Electrical Inspector, and such equipment shall not be concealed until it has been inspected. Where the concealment of equipment proceeds continuously, the person, firm or corporation installing the equipment shall give the Electrical Inspector due notice in advance and inspections shall be made periodically during the progress of the work.
- 4) Any concealment of electrical work or proceeding without the proper inspections may result in the stop work of the project and/or the assessment of penalty fees. The removal of such parts of a building to inspect the work properly will be required to perform the proper inspections.
- 5) Upon inspection if any installation is found not in conformity with the applicable electrical codes and any other rules, regulations or ordinances, the Inspector making the inspection shall at once forward to the person, firm or corporation making the installation a written notice stating the defects that have been found to exist.
- 6) At any stage of approval or denial of the installation (rough, final, etc.), the Inspector shall place/post in a conspicuous location on the property or structure a sticker or similar indicator that the job has been either approved or disapproved.
- 7) Where the inspector finds the installation to be in conformity with all applicable local ordinances and all rules and regulations, the Inspector shall issue to the person, firm or corporation making the installation a certificate of approval, with a duplicate copy for delivery to the owner, authorizing the connection to the supply of electricity and shall send written notice of such authorization to the supplier of electrical service. The owner, contractor or their agent shall forward a copy of the certification to the Department of Permits and Inspection.
- 8) When a temporary approval is issued authorizing connection of an installation, the certificate of approval shall be issued to expire at a time to be determined therein and shall be revocable by the Electrical Inspector or the Board of Electrical Examiners for just cause.

211 – 24 Emergency Inspections

Whenever in the judgment of the Code Official, Emergency Services Director, State Fire Marshal, Local Fire Chief or Incident Commander or their designee, there exists a potential situation which requires the inspection by an Electrical Inspector or Electrical Inspection

Agency, an inspector shall be called from the list of approved agencies or inspectors and any charges for such inspections shall be forwarded to the County for disposition of any related costs.

211 – 25 Inspectors and Inspection Agencies

The County Commissioners shall appoint such inspectors or approve and license such inspection agencies, as the Board so desires to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cecil County.

- 1) One or more nongovernmental organizations may be designated from time to time as the approved inspection agency or agencies. Such designations shall be by administrative resolution of the County Commissioners upon application by the agency or agencies, provided that the qualifications set forth are met.
- 2) In determining the qualifications of an inspection agency, the County Commissioners may consider the record of the inspection agency in any jurisdiction within or without this state, as well as other objective indicators, including but not limited to certifications issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development relating to the qualifications of the agency to inspect industrialized buildings and mobile homes as defined in the Industrialized Building and Mobile Home Act.
- 3) The agency shall be approved to perform inspections as a non-governmental inspection agency under the provisions of Public Safety Article 12-605 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 29 Department of State Police, Subtitle 07 Office of the State Fire Marshal, 29.07.01 Non-Governmental Electrical Inspectors.
- 4) No inspection agency shall be designated as the approved inspection agency for Cecil County until the employees of such agency shall have obtained a qualifications certificate or such other evidence of competence as may from time to time be issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshall.
- 5) Each qualifying agency shall pay an annual inspection agency license fee as set forth by a fee schedule established by the County Commissioners.
- 6) Each agency performing inspections within Cecil County shall be required to carry Errors and Omissions/Professional Liability Insurance in an amount established by the County Commissioners.
- 7) Each inspector employed by an approved inspection agency who conducts inspections in Cecil County must place their license on inactive status or shelve

such license as required by Business Occupations and Professions Article, Title 6 Code of Maryland Regulations, Section 6-313 and must be registered as an inspector with the Board. Such registration shall include registration of his/her name, address, home telephone number and/or cell phone number and such identifying data as the Board shall require.

- 8) The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ County Electrical Inspectors. Upon employment of such Inspector(s), the nongovernmental organization heretofore designated as the inspection agency under this chapter shall be discharged, and the duties set forth in this chapter shall be performed by the County Electrical Inspector(s).

211 - 26 Fees

All fees shall be established by resolution by the County Commissioners as provided for by law. Copies of the fee schedule shall be available in the offices of the Cecil County Commissioners, Board of Electrical Examiners and the Department of Permits and Inspections. Inspection fees will be established by the agency providing these services.

211 – 27 Cut – In Certificates

After July 1, 1978, no electrical light or power company shall attach its power lines or electric meters to any consumer's property or portion thereof within the borders of Cecil County unless the work has been installed by a master electrician licensed under this chapter, and until a temporary or permanent meter cut-in certificate has been issued by an authorized electrical inspection agency and sent to the power company furnishing power to the consumer's property. Any temporary or permanent cut-in certificate may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Electrical Examiners upon presentation to the Board of sufficient evidence that continued use of electrical energy will result in damage to persons or property.

211 – 28 Right of Entry

When it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this chapter, or where the Electrical Inspector has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a structure or upon a premises a condition which is contrary to or in violation of this code which makes the structure or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the Electrical Inspector or his designee is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect or perform the duties imposed by this code, provided that if such structure is occupied that credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such structure or premises are unoccupied, the Electrical Inspector shall first make reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person

having charge or control of the structure or premises and request entry. If entry is refused, the Electrical Inspector shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

211 – 29 Violations and Complaints

- A)** Where any equipment, whether installed before or after the enactment of this chapter, is determined by the Electrical Inspector or an authorized Code Official to be an immediate threat to the safety of persons or property, or where it may interfere with the fire protection service of any Fire Department in the County, the Electrical Inspector or Code Official shall have the authority to cause the electrical equipment to be disconnected immediately without prior notice to the owner.
- B)** When a violation occurs or a complaint is received, such complaint/violation will generate a report, which is forwarded to the Director of Permits and Inspections or his designee. Upon receipt of the complaint/violation report, the Director or his designee shall contact one of the approved inspections agencies or inspectors and request that an investigation be performed.
- C)** Whenever the inspection agency or inspector determines that there has been a violation of this Code or has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a copy of said violation shall be forwarded to the Director of Permits and Inspections who shall take the appropriate action necessary to resolve such complaint/violation.
- D)** Notice shall be given to the owner and/or party responsible providing specific information and code criteria in regards to the violation and shall give a specific time in which the said violation shall be resolved.
 - 1) Notice shall be deemed to be properly served upon the property owner and/or contractor by one of the following methods;
 - a) By delivering to the person to be served or his agent with a copy of the notice and all other necessary paperwork.
 - b) By mailing to the person to be served at his last known address or to his agent by certified or registered mail with return receipt requested, a copy of the notice and all other necessary paperwork.
 - c) If the certified or registered letter is returned with receipt showing that it has not been delivered or claimed, and all other remedies have been exhausted for such delivery, the notice shall be served by posting of it in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by the notice.

- E) All costs incurred by the County in the investigation of such valid violations/complaints shall be the burden of the property owner and/or his contractor and no permits shall be issued to either until such time as all outstanding fees are paid.

211 – 30 Penalties

- A) Any person who shall practice or engage or continue in the work of a master or limited electrician without having complied with all of the provisions of this chapter, and any person not licensed as a master or limited electrician who shall do or perform any such work except under the direction of a master or limited electrician and any person having been licensed as a master or limited electrician and who shall fail to renew his license as herein provided and shall do or perform any such work, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$ 100 nor more than \$ 1000 or to an imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court, and any such conviction shall ipso facto revoke and annul any license that may have been issued to such person.
- B) The County Commissioners or the Board of Electrical Examiners shall also seek all reasonable cost and expenses associated with the county's abatement of said violation(s), as well as any and all fair and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of said abatement efforts. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the county from taking other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

211 – 31 Denial, Rescission, Withdrawal and or Suspension of Permits

- A) At any time that the Electrical Inspector for Cecil County or any designated Code Enforcement Officer of the county determines that an electrical contractor has installed, repaired, maintained or erected any kind of electrical wiring, conduits, or wiring to or repair of electrical elements or circuits of machinery and fixed or stationary appliances, motors, fixtures, signs, electrically operated heating equipment, elevators, or other electrically operated apparatus or device in, on or about any premises in Cecil County in violation of this chapter or any other chapter of this Code, notice shall be sent to said electrician advising said electrician of said violation. Said notice shall be presumed received upon being mailed to the address of said electrician on the permit issued to said electrician for the specific project three days after mailing. If no permit has been issued for said work, the notice shall be sent to the last known address of record on file for said electrician in the Department of Permits and Inspections. Until said violation has been corrected, the Department of Permits and Inspections and/or any appropriate Code

Official of the County shall have the power to suspend any permits issued to said electrician, withdraw any permits issued to said electrician and/or deny any permits requested by said electrician.

- B)** For the purposes of this section, “electrician” shall be defined to mean the party to whom the electrical permit for the building/installation not in compliance was issued and shall also include any party actually performing the work of construction/installation upon said building/project. The “electrician” shall also include any officer of any corporation, any partner of any partnership or any related corporation, partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership owned in whole or in part by any aforementioned party.
- C)** While any violation is in effect and has not been rectified to the satisfaction of the Electrical Inspector for Cecil County, all permits related to the property owner/owners for which the violation exists also may be suspended, denied, withdrawn or rescinded.

211 – 32 Severability

If any provisions of this chapter is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the chapter and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.