

Chapter 58

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Vernon 11-10-55. Sections 58-1, 58-2, 58-3A and D, 58-4A and 58-6 amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire prevention and building construction — See Ch. 64.
Flood damage prevention — See Ch. 68.
Subdivision of land — See Ch. 114.

§ 58-1. Conformance to standards.¹

All installations of electrical work, all extensions thereto and all alterations thereof within the Town of Vernon shall be in conformity with the provisions of this chapter and of any other law or of any ordinance, local law or Building Code of the Town of Vernon pertaining thereto and shall also be in conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property. In every case where no specific type or class of material or no specific standards are prescribed by law, conformity with the regulations and requirements contained in the current National Electrical Code, as approved by the

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National Fire Protection Association, shall be evidence of conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property.

§ 58-2. Inspectors.²

- A. The Chief Inspector, duly appointed as the representative of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, New York Atlantic Inland, Inc., or Middle Department Inspection Agency and authorized and required, as such representative, to make electrical inspections within the Town of Vernon, and each of his duly appointed inspectors, are hereby authorized and deputized, as agents of the Town of Vernon, to make inspections and reinspections of all installations within the Town of Vernon and all extensions thereto and alterations thereof and to approve or disapprove the same.
- B. When requested in writing by the Town Building Inspector, the Chief Inspector and each of his duly appointed inspectors of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, New York Atlantic Inland, Inc., the Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc., or any other agency and/or person authorized by resolution of the Town Board shall make inspections and reinspections of all electrical installations heretofore and hereafter described and approve or disapprove the same. The inspector is authorized to make inspections and reinspections of electrical wiring installations, devices, appliances and equipment in the Town of Vernon where he deems it necessary for the protection of life and property. In no event, however, will the cost or expense of such inspections and reinspections be a charge against the Town of Vernon.[Added 6-18-79]

§ 58-3. Inspections.

- A. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to make an inspection of any premises wherein a fire or explosion has occurred, and for such purpose it shall be the duty of the Chiefs of the Fire Departments of the Town of Vernon within twenty-four (24) hours after such occurrence to report, to the office of the New

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York Board of Fire Underwriters, New York Atlantic Inland, Inc., or Middle Department Inspection Agency from which such Inspector operates, the address or location of such premises and to furnish such other information and assistance with respect thereto as such Inspector may require.³

- B. When a tenant moves from a building or any portion of a building used wholly or partly for mercantile, industrial or commercial purposes, the electric meter shall be removed or locked by the public utility company furnishing electric service to such tenant and electricity shall not be supplied to these premises from any sources until a new inspection has been made and a new certificate of approval has been issued if any change has been made in the electrical installation subsequent to the first inspection.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make connection from a source of electrical energy to any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment which has been disconnected or ordered to be disconnected by the Inspector or the use of which has been ordered by the Inspector to be discontinued until a certificate of approval has been issued by him authorizing the reconnection and use of such wiring, devices, appliances or equipment.
- D. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to install, alter or repair any electric wiring in the Town of Vernon until such time as proper application has been filed with the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, New York Atlantic Inland, Inc., or the Middle Department Inspection Agency.⁴

§ 58-4. Applicability.

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any persons engaged solely in selling or solely in the attachment of ordinary electric appliances to existing circuits where no joining or splicing of electrical conductors is required; nor to the installation, maintenance or repair of elevators nor to any work involved in the manufacture, assembly, test or repair of

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electrical machinery, apparatus, materials and equipment by a person, firm or corporation engaged in electrical manufacturing as its principal business; nor to the work in connection with the erection, construction, maintenance or repair of lines and facilities for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity from the source of supply to the service connection where used, by public service companies or municipal plants authorized to generate or sell electricity; nor to the work of such companies or plants in installing, maintaining and repairing on the consumer's premises of service connection meters and other apparatus and appliances remaining the property of such companies or plants after installation on the consumer's premises necessary for the protection of life and property; nor to the work of companies incorporated for the transmission of intelligence by electricity in installing, maintaining or repairing wires, apparatus or fixtures or other appliances.⁵

- B. This chapter shall apply to the Town of Vernon, exclusive of the Incorporated Villages of Vernon and Oneida Castle and the City of Sherrill.

§ 58-5. Construal; disclaimer of liability.

- A. This chapter shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for loss of life or damage to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the Town of Vernon be deemed to have assumed any such liability by reason of any inspection made pursuant to this chapter.
- B. This chapter shall be construed in connection with the provisions of the Building Code of the Town of Vernon.⁶

⁵ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

⁶ Editor's Note: See Ch. 64, Fire Prevention and Building Construction.

§ 58-6. Penalties for offenses.⁷

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.) for each offense or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

⁷ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.