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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, TITLED "BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES," CHAPTER 4, TITLED "ELECTRICAL CODE," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 12-405, TITLED "ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 12-405, TITLED "ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED; AMENDMENTS," IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2017 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge has adopted by reference the National Electrical Code, 2011 edition, as set forth in City Code §12-405; and

WHEREAS, the current version of the National Electrical Code is now the 2017 edition, which in the future will be adopted for use by the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt the current edition of the National Electrical Code along with any necessary amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Title 12, titled "Building, Utility, Etc. Codes," Chapter 4, titled "Electrical Code," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by deleting Section 12-405, titled "Electrical Code Adopted," in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Section 12-405, titled "Electrical Code Adopted; Amendments," which new section shall read as follows:

Sec. 12-405. Electrical Code Adopted; Amendments.

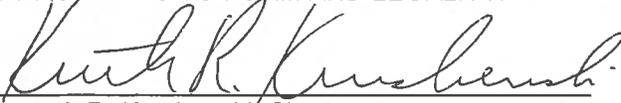
- (1) Adoption. The National Electrical Code, 2017 edition, is hereby adopted by reference and shall become a part of The Electrical Code of the City of Oak Ridge as if copied herein verbatim, except as such code may be in conflict with other provisions of The Electrical Code of the City of Oak Ridge, in which event such other provisions shall prevail.
- (2) Amendments. Article 210.12, Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. Subsection (A), Dwelling Units, shall be locally amended by numbering the exception at the end as "Exception 1" and adding the following additional exception:

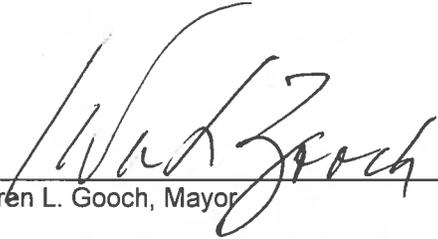
"Exception 2. Notwithstanding the above, Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) shall be optional for bathrooms, laundry areas, garages, unfinished basements, which are portions or areas of the basement not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage, work or similar area, and for branch circuits dedicated to supplying refrigeration equipment. Should there be any conflict within this section as to application, this exception shall prevail."

Section 2. There shall be a ninety (90) day grace period from the effective date of the ordinance to allow City Staff time to educate the development community and local contractors on the changes.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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