

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 _____

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 121 TITLED ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LATROBE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA – TITLED ELECTRICAL STANDARDS REPEALING CHAPTER 121 IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHEREAS, the City of Latrobe maintains the city code Chapter 121 titled Electrical Standards which includes minimum standards for the construction, installation, alteration, removing, equipment, material and use of buildings, structures and premises that certain electrical code known as the “National Electric Code” 1993 Edition which was originally adopted on July 13, 1981 and amended on April 23, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend the Code specifically repealing Section 121-1 Adoption of standards, 121-2 Administration and enforcement, 121-3 Definitions, 121-4 Inspections, 121-5 Certificates of approval, 121-6 Notice of violation, 121-7 Conflicts with other provisions, and 121-8 Title which contains outdated processes that conflict with the Uniform Construction Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to enhance public safety by strengthening building standards to reduce hazards and ensure safer occupancy conditions and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Council of the City of Latrobe, and the City of Latrobe hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 121 – Electrical Standards repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That the within Ordinance shall take effect on the date of publication of the post enactment notice of passage of the same and no later than _____.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager, The City Secretary, Mayor and any other proper City official is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and to take any action necessary in order to carry in effect the within ordinance.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this _____ day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATROBE:

By:

Janina Hall, Council Secretary

Eric Bartels, Mayor

~~Chapter 121~~

~~ELECTRICAL STANDARDS~~

§ 121-1. Adoption of standards.	§ 121-5. Certificates of approval.
§ 121-2. Administration and enforcement.	§ 121-6. Notice of violation.
§ 121-3. Definitions.	§ 121-7. Conflicts with other provisions.
§ 121-4. Inspections.	§ 121-8. Title.

~~[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of Latrobe 7-13-1981 by Ord. No. 1981-2 as Ch. V, Part 3, of the 1981 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]~~

~~GENERAL REFERENCES~~

~~Building construction — See Ch. 108.~~

~~Fire prevention standards — See Ch. 279.~~

~~Housing standards — See Ch. 132.~~

~~§ 121-1. Adoption of standards. [Amended 4-23-1996 by Ord. No. 1996-5]~~

~~There is hereby adopted by Latrobe for the purpose of establishing minimum standards for the construction, installation, alteration, removing, equipment, material and use of buildings, structures and premises that certain electrical code known as the "National Electrical Code," 1993 Edition, its amendments and supplements thereto, recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as fully as if set out in length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in all of the buildings, structures and premises within Latrobe from the date on which this chapter shall take effect.~~

~~§ 121-2. Administration and enforcement.~~

~~There is hereby adopted within this chapter all of the provisions and sections of Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement, regulating the administration and enforcement of the Housing (Chapter 132), Building (Chapter 108), Plumbing (Chapter 147), Electrical (this Chapter) and Fire Prevention (Chapter 279) Codes for Latrobe.~~

~~§ 121-3. Definitions.~~

~~Where used in the National Electrical Code, 1993 Edition, the following terms shall have the following meanings:~~

~~CORPORATION COUNSEL — The Solicitor for Latrobe.~~

~~MUNICIPALITY — Latrobe.~~

~~§ 121-4. Inspections.~~

~~The Council of Latrobe shall enter into an agreement with the Electrical Inspection Bureau licensed to~~

~~perform such services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This agreement shall be established by resolution of the Council and shall provide for a system of fees to cover the costs of all inspections, which inspections are to be paid by the owner or operator of the building, structure or premises. The agreement shall also provide for the keeping of accurate records of all inspections by the appointed Inspection Bureau and shall provide that all inspection reports shall be submitted to the Office of Code Enforcement.~~

~~§ 121-5. Certificates of approval.~~

~~All persons required to obtain a permit under the BOCA National Building Code shall also be required to obtain an electrical certificate of approval. All applicants for such certificate shall be so registered with the Office of Code Enforcement. The certificate shall be completed only by certification by an authorized representative of the appointed Inspection Bureau, which certification shall state that inspection has been made of the applicant's building, structure or premises and that the electrical wiring conforms to the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. The completed certificate shall be returned to the Office of Code Enforcement by the applicant within 30 days from the date of completion of the building, structure or premises.~~

~~§ 121-6. Notice of violation.~~

~~Whenever the authorized Inspection Bureau shall disapprove an application for a certificate of approval or refuses to certify that the provisions of the National Electrical Code have been complied with, it shall inform the Office of Code Enforcement, and the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the owner or operator as defined by Chapter 98, Administration and Enforcement, by the notice required thereunder. In addition to the requirements of the provisions of said notice, such notice may also contain the statement that unless the violation is corrected and evidence presented by a completed certificate of approval within 60 days from service, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the electrical utility company to disconnect the electrical power from the building, structure or premises until a proper certificate of approval is submitted to the Office of Code Enforcement.~~

~~§ 121-7. Conflicts with other provisions.~~

~~In any case where any provision of this chapter is found to be in conflict with any provision of Chapter 166, Zoning, the Plumbing (Chapter 147), Building (Chapter 108), Housing (Chapter 132) or Fire Prevention (Chapter 279) Codes of Latrobe in force on the date of this chapter, the provision which establishes the highest standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the people shall prevail.~~

~~§ 121-8. Title.~~

~~This chapter shall be known hereafter as the "Latrobe Electrical Code."~~