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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Electrical) Ordinance No. 2004-5
Inspection Ordinance and Repealing Ordinance No. 95-4)

The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2004-5.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of ORS 203.035, 455.150, 479.855 and OAR 918, Division 20.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to repeal Ordinance No. 95-4, to adopt a new Columbia County Electrical Inspection Ordinance, and to adopt new electrical permit fees.

SECTION 4. FINDINGS.

1. On April 26, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 95-4, "In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Electrical Inspection Ordinance". Most references to administrative rules in Ordinance No. 95-4, are no longer accurate.
2. The current electrical permit fees, as set forth in the administrative rules are insufficient to cover the costs to administer and enforce the Electrical Specialty Code. Pursuant to ORS 479.845, the County may not enact or enforce any ordinance or rule fixing any permit fee for electrical installations that is higher than is necessary to pay for the costs of the county in administering and enforcing the electrical code. The Electrical Permit Fees which are attached here to as Attachment A, and are incorporated herein by this reference, are sufficient to cover the cost to administer and enforce the electrical code, but are not higher than is necessary to cover those costs.
3. Pursuant to OAR 918-020-00200(1), a 45 day notification of the proposed electrical fees has been given to the Building Codes Agency of the State of Oregon. Furthermore, pursuant to ORS 294.160, a public hearing was held on June 17, 2004, to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed new electrical fees. Notice of the proposed new electrical fees was also mailed to contractors and posted in several prominent places in the County Courthouse on June 23, 2004.

SECTION 5. ADOPTION

1. The Oregon 2003 Electrical Specialty Code, as provided in OAR 918-305-000 through OAR 918-305-270 is hereby adopted. The Board of County Commissioners may, by order or resolution, adopt future editions of the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code.
2. The Oregon 2003 One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code as provided in OAR 918-480-005 and 918-480-010, is hereby adopted. The Board of County Commissioners may, by order or resolution, adopt future editions of the Oregon One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATION.

1. The Electrical Specialty Code and One and Two Family Dwelling Code shall be administered as provided by the Columbia County Building Code Ordinance and the applicable provisions of ORS Chapter 479 and OAR Chapter 918, Divisions 251 through 320 and Division 480, and except as may otherwise be provided in the operating plan which shall be submitted to and approved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services as provided by OAR Chapter 918, Division 20. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of the Building Code Ordinance and this Ordinance and any of the provisions of ORS Chapter 479 and OAR Chapter 918, the provisions of ORS Chapter 479 and OAR Chapter 918 shall control. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of the Building Code Ordinance and any of the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control. In accordance with ORS 479.550(1), and except as otherwise provided by ORS 470.540 or other applicable state law, no person shall work on any new electrical installation for which a permit has not been issued by the County or prior authority having jurisdiction.
2. The Electrical Specialty Code and One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code shall be enforced as provided by the Columbia County Building Code Ordinance and the applicable provisions of ORS Chapter 479 and OAR Chapter 918, Divisions 251 through 320. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, this Ordinance is enforceable by, and violators hereof are subject to, the penalties provided in the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance.
3. Electrical Plan reviews are required as provided by OAR 918-311-010 to 918-311-060.
4. Minor installation labels and bulk labels shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of OAR 918-309-210 through OAR 918-309-260.
5. Temporary electrical permits shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of ORS 479.550 and OAR 918-309-080.
6. Fees shall be charged in accordance with Attachment A, which is attached hereto, and is incorporated herein by this reference. The Board of County Commissioners may, by order or resolution amend the fee schedule as necessary and reasonable to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Columbia County Electrical Inspection Ordinance.

7. Appeals shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Columbia County Building Code Ordinance, ORS 479.853, OAR 918-001-130 and OAR 918-251-040. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of the Building Code Ordinance and any provision of ORS 479.853, OAR 918-001-130 and OAR 918-251-040, the provisions of ORS 479.853, OAR 918-001-130 and OAR 918-251-040 shall control.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance, including Attachment A, are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct, and independent provision and the decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof.

SECTION 8. REPEALER.

Ordinance No. 95-4, In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Electrical Inspection Ordinance, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

This Ordinance being immediately necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Columbia County, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2004.

Approved as to form

By: Sarah Tyson
Office of the County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Rita M. Bernhard
Rita Bernhard, Chair

Attest:
By: Jan Greenhalgh
Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary

By: Anthony Hyde
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

First Reading: 9/15/04
Second Reading: 9/15/04
Effective Date: 9/15/04

By: not present
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

Columbia County
Land Development Services
230 Strand Street
St Helens, Or 97051
Phone(503)397-1501 Fax(503)366-3902

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

- 1. New residential—single or multifamily per unit dwelling unit. Service included:
 - 1,000 square feet or less\$119.00
 - Each additional 500 square feet or portion thereof\$21.00
 - Limited energy\$28.00
 - Each manufactured home or modular dwelling service or feeder\$56.00

- 2. Services or feeders—installation, alteration:
 - 200 amps or less\$79.00
 - 201 amps to 400 amps\$94.00
 - 401 amps to 600 amps\$156.00
 - 601 amps to 1,000 amps\$204.00
 - Over 1,000 amps or volts\$469.00
 - Reconnect only\$56.00

- 3. Temporary services or feeders—installation, alteration or relocation:
 - 200 amps or less\$56.00
 - 201 amps to 400 amps\$86.00
 - 401 amps to 600 amps\$125.00
 - Over 600 amps or 1,000 volts see services and feeders above

- 4. Branch circuits: new, alteration or extension per panel:
 - a. The fee for branch circuits with purchase of service or feeder
 - Each branch circuit\$4.00

 - b. The fee for branch circuits without purchase of a service or feeder fee
 - First branch circuit\$54.00
 - Each additional branch circuit\$4.00

- 5. Miscellaneous (service or feeder not included):
 - Well pump or irrigation system\$63.00
 - Each sign or outside lighting\$63.00
 - Commercial limited energy, panel, alteration or extension\$63.00
 - Septic pump and alarm\$63.00

- 6. Each additional inspection over the allowable in any of the above, per inspection\$70.00

25% PLAN REVIEW FEE (if required)

7% STATE SURCHARGE IS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FEES