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15.01 TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the Electrical Code of the Village of Dousman and will be referred to hereinafter as “this code”.

15.02 PURPOSE. The purpose of this code is to establish rules and regulations governing the Office of Electrical Inspector for the Village to administer the terms of this Code.

15.03 OFFICE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR CREATED. There is hereby created the Office of Electrical Inspector for the Village of Dousman to administer the terms of this Code.

15.04 INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION. The Village Board shall appoint an Electrical Inspector pursuant to §1.01(b)(3) who shall be certified as such by the state pursuant to §§101.82(2) and 101.88(2), Wis. Stats., and ILHR-17 concerning the inspection of public building and places of employment and pursuant to §101.63(2) and 101.66(2), Wis. Stats. Concerning the inspection of 1 and 2 family dwellings. The office shall be held at the pleasure of the Village Board. It should be the duty of the electrical inspector to faithfully enforce all the laws and ordinances relating to electrical installations. He shall maintain a record of all transactions pertaining to his office.

15.05 LICENSE FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

- (1) **REQUIRED.** No person shall install, alter, repair, remove, connect or disconnect any electrical wiring, fixtures, or apparatus for any purpose whatsoever in the Village without first having procured a license therefore as hereinafter provided in this Code, except any person who is performing such work as a bona fide employee of and for the holder of a license. This section becomes effective January 1, 1995.
- (2) **EXCEPTION: OWNER'S WORK.** A property owner may personally install electrical wiring in his own single-family residence owned by and occupied by or to be occupied by him as a permanent residence, provided that such owner shall:
 - (a) Apply for and secure a permit in accordance with succeeding sections.
 - (b) Pay required fees.
 - (c) Do the work himself or herself in accordance with this Code.
 - (d) Apply for inspections.
 - (e) Receive approval of the electrical inspector.
- (3) **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE FEE.** The initial fee for such license shall be \$40 and shall be for one year. For each yearly renewal of such license, a fee of \$25 shall be paid. All such licenses shall be issued for one year commencing on January 1st and expiring December 31st of the each year following their issuance, unless sooner revoked. If any license shall not be renewed on or before the first day of March of each year, such license shall be considered as having lapsed, and the renewal fee thereof shall be \$40.

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- (4) **APPLICATION.** Application for an electrical contractor's license shall be made to the Village of Dousman on furnished forms. All applicants shall name a supervising electrician who possesses a currently valid master's certificate as issued by the State. Applicants shall place on file with the Village Clerk a certificate of insurance with minimum coverage of \$250,000 for injury to one person. \$500,000 for injury to more than one person in any accident and \$100,000 for damage to property. The granting of an electrical contractor's license by the Village is predicated upon the continued connection with the licensee of a supervising electrician. The connection required between the licensee and the supervising electrician is that of co-partner, stockholder, officer, or full time employee or in the case of an individual the licensee himself must continue to fulfill the duties of supervising electrician. A master electrician shall be required, at all times, to actively engage in the supervision of all work performed by the licensee under the electrical contractor's license issued by the Village. At the time of making application for an electrical contractor's license the person, firm, or corporation making application shall include on the application, in the space provided, the name of the supervising electrician connected with the applicant. The application for license shall be notarized, attesting to the fact that the supervising electrician named on the application has satisfied the criteria as evidenced by a master's certificate. Should the supervising electrician named in the application for license sever his connection with the licensee, for any reason whatsoever, or cease to perform the duties of supervising electrician, the licensee shall immediately file with the electrical inspector a notarized statement naming the successor to the original supervising electrician and attesting to the qualifications of the new supervising electrician. Failure of a licensee to maintain a connection with a supervising electrician shall result in the immediate invalidation of the license involved. A license so invalidated shall be revalidated without charge upon filing with the electrical inspector of a notarized statement naming a successor supervising electrician which certifies his qualifications. Any applicant for a license may name one or more supervising electricians by attaching a notarized statement for each person qualified and connected with the applicant in that capacity. The statement shall be worded in the manner of the sworn portion of the license application.
- (5) **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.** Any electrical contractor's Village electrical contractor's license may be suspended or revoked by the electrical inspector of the electrical inspector determines that the electrical contractor involved is not following the provisions of this Code with reference to any electrical installations in the Village; has violated the administrative code of the State and any statutory provisions with reference to the installation of electrical equipment in the Village; or has installed any electrical work in the Village in a careless and negligent manner so as to make the same dangerous to users thereof. The electrical inspector shall give notice in writing of such suspension or revocation to the electrical contractor involved.

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Any electrical contractor whose license has been suspended or revoked by the electrical inspector may within 10 days from the date of such notice from the electrical inspector apply to the Village Board to appeal said suspension or revocation by the electrical inspector. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Village Clerk a written request for a hearing. The Village Clerk shall refer such appeal to the Village Board at the next meeting of the Board and the Village Board shall then set a date for the hearing as soon as convenient and the Village Clerk shall give notice thereof to the appellant and to the electrical inspector. In the event of such appeal the action taken by the electrical inspector to suspend or revoke the license involved shall be stayed until the Village Board has heard the matter and made a decision thereon. When a license is revoked no license shall again be granted to the same licensee for a period of not less than 30 days. After 30 days have expired the licensee may make an application for reinstatement by filing a request therefore with the Village Clerk who shall refer said matter to the Village Board for action. Any licensee petitioning for reinstatement may demand a hearing and the Village Board shall meet and hear the appeal of said licensee within 60 days from the date of such request. The reinstatement fee for such license shall be \$40. No license shall be reissued to a contractor whose license was revoked unless the Village Board is satisfied that the original cause for revocation has been corrected.

- (6) ENFORCEMENT. In all cases where any action is taken to enforce the regulation of this chapter, such action or act shall be considered as done in the name of and on behalf of the Village. The Village shall not be judged as liable for any damage that may accrue to any person or persons or property as a result of any such action or act committed in the discharge of its duties.
- (7) FEES, PAYMENT. Fees for all licenses shall be paid to the Village, and no license shall be issued or held unless signed by the Village Clerk and Electrical Inspector and stamped as paid by the Village in the amount required by such license.

15.06 PERMITS REQUIRED.

- (1) The electrical inspector shall issue permits for the connection, alteration, installation and replacement of electrical wire for light, heat or power upon the filing of a proper application describing the nature of work no work shall be done until a permit has been obtained in all cases except as hereinafter provided. In the event that any person shall install any electrical equipment installation or connection for light, heat or power within the village without first having secured an electrical permit therefore, he shall be forced to pay as a fee for an electrical permit for such installation a sum double the amount as set out as fees in §15.06 of this Code.
- (2) No permit shall be required for the repair, removal, disturbance or disconnection of any existing electrical equipment or the renewal or replacement of any existing branch lighting circuit switches, sockets or receptacles.

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- (3) In emergency work, the person doing such work shall report same to the electrical inspector within 2 days after beginning work and such work shall be done in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) The electrical inspector shall notify the Village Clerk with 10 days of the date of any suspension or revocation of an electrical contractor's license of such suspension or revocation.

15.07 PERMIT FEES. Electrical permit fees shall be established by the Village Board by separate resolution which resolution shall be incorporated herein and made a part of this Code. The schedule of fees as established by separate resolution by the Village Board may be amended from time to time as deemed necessary by the Village.

15.08 INSTALLATION STANDARDS.

- (0) GENERAL. No certificate of inspection shall be issued unless the electric light, power or heating installation and all other electrical apparatus connected with it are in strict conformity with the provisions of this Code.
- (1) APPROVED MATERIALS. No electrical materials, devices, or appliance shall be used or installed in the Village unless they are approved in conformity with the provisions of this Code. Installation, alterations, replacements and repairs of electrical equipment used for light, heat or power shall be installed in a workable and workmanlike manner in conformity with the regulations of this Code. All materials shall carry an approval of a recognized approval agency.

15.09 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The electrical inspector shall have the authority to enter all buildings and premises in the discharge of his official duties.

15.10 ADOPTION OF WISCONSIN ELECTRICAL CODE. The Wisconsin State Electrical Code (ILHR-16), which incorporated by reference the National Electrical Safety Code (NFPA-70) with Wisconsin amendments thereto, is hereby adopted and shall

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be complied with by all persons, firms or corporations performing electrical work within the scope of this Code with the Village. It is the intent of the Village that all revisions to the Wisconsin State of Electrical Code shall be considered to be adopted by the Village as they occur and become effective within the Wisconsin State Electrical code, without further revision of this chapter or action on the part of the Village.

15.11 ENFORCEMENT.

- (2) Any person, firm or corporation making an application for permits under this chapter who fails to take delivery of said permit shall be deemed to not possess a valid permit under this chapter.
- (3) Any person or firm which fails to notify the electrical inspector that the work for which the permit has been procured is ready for inspection within 10 days of completion of such work shall be deemed in violation of this Chapter.

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15.12 PENALTIES. Any violation of this section shall result in the person, firm or corporation violating subject to the penalties contained in Ch. 24 in this Code.

15.13 REINSPECTION FEES. At such times as the electrical inspector is the same person as the Village Building Inspector, or associated with the same firm as the Village Building Inspector, the Reinspection fees described in §3.14 of this Code shall apply equally to electrical inspections. At all other times, the Village Board may establish Reinspection fees which escalate the costs of electrical Reinspection in the manner depicted in §3.14 of this Code, in amounts that may be established by separate Resolution of the Village Board from time to time.

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