ORDINANCE NO. 66-41

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SECTIONS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the electrical contracting business or to work as an electrician within the corporate limits of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, without having first obtained a license to do so in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created a Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians, which Board shall consist of the following persons: The City Engineer and four other members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, who shall serve one year from the time of their appointment, one of whom shall be an electrical contractor, one of whom shall be an architect, one of whom shall be a professional engineer, and one of whom shall be a professional engineer, and one of whom shall be a disinterested citizen. The examination and registration board shall, as soon as possible after their appointment, meet and choose a chairman; the City Engineer shall serve without additional compensation. The appointive member of such board shall each receive five dollars for each session wherein examinations or hearings are conducted.

Three members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of a quorum must concur in all decisions, except in all cases of licenses revocation or rule changes a majority of the Board must concur.

The Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians shall keep a record of all applications for registration; it shall keep a record of its proceedings, whether each applicant was registered or rejected, and the date of such action by the board.

SECTION 3. Any person desiring to qualify and obtain a license to engage in the business as an electricial contractor shall pay to the Controller of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) as a registration fee. If, after an appropriate examination, the Board for Examination and Registration of Electricians shall consider the applicant fully qualified to be a master electrician, an additional fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid upon the issuance of the license. Thereafter, for each annual renewal of such license issued to the applicant a fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid.

Any person desiring to qualify and obtain a license as a Journey-man Electrician shall pay to the Controller of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for registration fee. If after an appropriate examination, the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians shall consider the applicant to be fully qualified to be a Journeyman Electrician an additional fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid upon the issuance of the license. Thereafter the annual fee of such Journeyman License shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00).

SECTION 4. Any person desiring to be licensed to perform electrical work or to engage in the business of electrical contractor within the corporate limits of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, shall be required to pass an examination before the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians. Such examination shall concern the applicant's ability, experience, training and fitness to engage in such work. Upon successfully passing the examination and payment of fees as hereinabove set forth, the applicant shall be issued a license by the City Controller pursuant to the order directing the issuance of such license by the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians.

SECTION 5. Licenses shall be issued without examination to applicants who, upon the effective date of this Ordinance, shall have been actively engaged in the electrical trade for at least three (3) years immediately preceding such date. The applicant shall file with the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians an affidavit setting forth the places and the approximate dates when and where such applicant has been engaged in electrical work for the three (3) year period immediately preceding the effective date of this Ordinance.

No license shall be issued without examination under the provisions of this Section after May 1, 1967.

SECTION 6. Upon payment of the registration and license fees as set forth in section 3 of this Ordinance, the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians may issue temporary licenses to applicants holding an electrician's license in good standing issued by any other city within the State of Indiana if such license of any other city within the State of Indiana shall have been issued by said city as the result of a comparable examination into the applicant's ability, experience, training and fitness. Such temporary licenses shall be valid and shall permit electrical work to be performed by the applicant under a single building permit issued by the City of Bloomington.

SECTION 7. In the event an applicant shall fail to pass the examination given by the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians, such applicant may, after sixty (60) days have elasped from the date of filing the original application, file a second application and upon the payment of fees, as hereinabove provided for, shall be given a second examination by the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians concerning the applicant's ability, experience, training and fitness.

SECTION 8. All applicants for electrician licenses shall be notified by the Electrical Inspector as to the time and place the examination will be given.

SECTION 9. All licenses issued under the terms of this Ordinance shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year, for which the same was issued. No license shall be issued for a longer period than one calendar year, but a license may be renewed without reexamination as hereinafter provided. No license holder will be entitled to renew his license without examination unless he shall file an application in due form, with proper fee, for such renewal, not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of his latest license, in the office of the City Electrical Inspector, but if said application is so filed and said fee is so paid within thirty days from such expiration date of the latest license, then such renewal license shall be granted without examination. No license shall be transferable to any other person, firm, corporation, or partnership.

SECTION 10. All fees for registration and for electrical licenses shall be deposited in and become a part of the City General Fund.

SECTION 11. All electrical installations within the corporate limits of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, shall be made by an electrician licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting an owner of a single family residence from making normal electrical installations for his own residence.

The licensing provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any person or the employees of any firm when such person or firm is not engaged in the business of electrical contracting, but employs personnel and maintains an electrical service department to perform electrical service work to repair electric wiring upon his or its own property.

SECTION 12. The Mayor of the City is authorized to suspend for any determinate period the license of any electrician issued under the provisions of this Ordinance. All such suspensions by the Mayor shall be made after recommendation by the Board for the Examination

and Registration of Electricians. Such recommendations shall be in writing and shall set forth specifically the reasons for such action by such Board. Any person aggrieved by the action of the Mayor in suspending any license under this Ordinance may appeal to the Circuit or Superior Court of Monroe County by filing therein, within then (10) days after the action of the Mayor, his complaint against the City of Bloomington and the Board for the Examination and Registration of Electricians setting forth in such complaint the action of the Mayor complained of and specifically in what way such action by the Mayor is wrongful.

SECTION 13. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be fined in an amount not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after the 1st day of January, 1967.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, upon this seventeenth day of November, 1966.

harles J. Faris, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Marian Tardy, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, upon the eighteenth day of November, 1966, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M.

Marian Tardy, City Clerk

This Ordinance approved and signed by me upon the eighteenth day of November, 1966, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M.

John H. Hooker, Jr., Mayor