



March 8, 2010

Director  
Community Development Department  
City of Reading, PA

The quarterly meeting of the City of Reading Electricians Examining Board and Standards was convened in the Zoning/Planning Conference Room, City Hall, on Monday, March 8, 2010, as mandated by the City of Reading Ordinance #98-2006/78-2009, at 4:30 PM.

**Members Present:** Geoffrey Litwin, Chairman, Ryan Helms, Mark Pinkasavage, William Keller, Terry Withers, and City of Reading Electrical Inspector, Timothy F. Waldman – Liaison.

Candidate applications screened and approved for examination on April 5, 2010 are as follows:

**Master Electrician (3)** – Charlie Epler, Thomas James, Lee Kauffman.

**Journeyman Electrician (12)** – Jose Bisano, Kenneth Kirkner, Jr., Gary Lechleitner, Bryant Lopez, Pedro Mejia, Mark Miqueli, Wave Mosher, Roger Phillips Jr., Brandon Shirey, Aleksander Solomakhin, Jason South, Humberto Vega.

The Electrical Inspector reported that the January 11, 2010 exam results were as follows:

**Master Electrician** – 1 Pass, 3 Fail

**Journeyman Electrician** - 1 Pass, 11 Fail

Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk, was in attendance for the purpose of informing the Board that the City Electrical Inspector has the authority to fine unlicensed contractors as well as property owners if he finds work being performed by said unlicensed contractors. This interpretation was researched by the City's legal department at the request of the Board and has been clarified to help the Electrical Inspector perform his duties.

Mr. Dave Roche, an electrical contractor and former 4<sup>th</sup> year apprentice instructor, was in attendance for the purpose of asking the Board to reconsider allowing 4<sup>th</sup> year apprenticeship students to take their Journeyman's exam in April, even though they will not finish their 4<sup>th</sup> year of schooling until after the April exam has already been administered. It had been a past practice to allow this, but it was determined that allowing early testing was not in accordance with the language of the ordinance, and the practice was discontinued. It is the Board's ruling that all applicants for examination must have a fully completed application at the time of the applicant screening in order to be eligible to take an exam.

The Board inquired about the code cycle and which code will be used for testing this year. The Electrical Inspector told the Board that since the 2008 NEC was only officially adopted by PA as of 1/1/2010 the he was planning to use the 2005 NEC for the remainder of the year since the 2005 NEC was the "official" code for most of the 4<sup>th</sup> year class, and they could not test until July. The Board asked the Electrical Inspector to consider switching to the 2008 NEC for the October 2010 Exam. The Electrical Inspector reported that could be done without a problem. The 2008 NEC will be the referenced code for the October 4, 2010 examination.

The Electrical Inspector reported that he is aware of a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Electrical Inspection Agency that is now operating in Reading. Albright Inspection Services was recently opened for business by John Dunn, a former inspector for Atlantic Inland.

There has been no progress on the updating of the City of Reading Electrical Code. The Trades Division is waiting for the Legal Department to initiate this process. In the interim an ordinance was adopted by Council to keep in force all of our old amendments, but still adopt the new "I" codes as adopted by PA on 1/1/2010

The Electrical Inspector informed the Board that the ECP issue has still not been settled and an additional appeal hearing could still occur, more information will follow.

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2010 at 4:30PM in the Zoning/Planning Conference Room, City Hall.

Respectfully,  
Timothy F. Waldman  
Electrical Inspector

Ryan Helms  
Secretary