



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: July 1, 2011

To: Council President Barbara Johnson

Subject: Amendment of Title 5, Chapter 99 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Building Code: Electricity

Recommendation: Approval of the ordinance amendment

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Charles Elliott

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

The authority to issue permits and provide inspections for electrical work lies solely with the State of Minnesota. In the event of a state government shutdown, they will be providing no scheduled electrical inspection – only one inspector will be active, covering the state in the event of an emergency.

Based on current law, construction projects within the City of Minneapolis will be halted at the point of required electrical inspections. As a result, finished remodels or newly constructed buildings will be unable to receive a Certificate of Occupancy or approvals for use. Projects in process will also need to stop where rough-in electrical inspections would be required.

Passage of this temporary ordinance change will give the Building Official of the City of Minneapolis the authority to issue permits, coordinate inspections and approve completed projects during the State of Minnesota's government shutdown. This will result in business as usual for residents and commercial property owners within the City of Minneapolis.

The direct cost to the City of Minneapolis for providing this service during the State of Minnesota's government shutdown will be covered by the permit fee. The administrative workload (transaction processing in Minneapolis Development Review) will be absorbed by existing staff.