

ORDINANCE NO. 2980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT THROUGH THE CITY OF SALISBURY PRIOR TO CONDUCTING WORK ON ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT OR CONNECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the ongoing application, administration and enforcement of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the City of Salisbury Municipal Code (the "**Salisbury City Code**") demonstrates a need for its periodic review, evaluation and amendment, in order to keep the provisions of Title 15 current, comply with present community standards and values, and promote the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Salisbury (the "**City**");

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury (the "**Mayor and Council**") are authorized by MD Code, Local Government, § 5-202 to adopt such ordinances, not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law or public local law, as the Mayor and Council deem necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to preserve peace and order, to secure persons and property from damage and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the City;

WHEREAS, MD Code, Business and Professions § 6-301 authorizes the Mayor and Council to adopt rules and regulations concerning the licensing, and providing of electrical services as an apprentice, journeyman, or master electrician;

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury, through its Department of Infrastructure and Development, requires permits for related construction activity within City limits including building permits and plumbing permits;

WHEREAS, permitting electrical work will bring the City of Salisbury in alignment with typical practices amongst other municipalities in the State;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the amendments to the Title 15 set forth herein shall be adopted as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that Title 15 of the Salisbury City Code is hereby amended by adding the bolded and underlined language and deleting the strikethrough language as follows:

Section 1. Section 15.12 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Electrical Standards" shall be amended as follows:

15.12.020 Adoption of standards by reference

Except as may be provided otherwise in this chapter, the current requirements of the National Electrical Code (2014 **2020** Edition) being the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for electric wiring and apparatus, shall be deemed to be the requirements imposed by this chapter, such National Electrical Code being hereby adopted by reference as the electrical code of the city and being herein incorporated in its entirety by reference.

15.12.050 State License Required

Except as otherwise provided in the Salisbury City Code and Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, any person who provides electrical services within the corporate limits of the City as an apprentice, journeyman, or master electrician must hold a valid, corresponding license from the State of Maryland and comply with all other requirements of Title 6 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

15.12.060 Permit Required

Work shall not be commenced on any electrical system, equipment or connection to a Public Utility Company thereto until the owner or owner's licensed electrician shall have secured a permit to do so from the City of Salisbury Department of Infrastructure and Development. The fee for said permit shall be set by Council from time to time.

15.12.070 Appeals

Any person wishing to appeal a determination of the Director of the Department of Infrastructure and Development regarding the results of any inspection or the issuance of a permit, shall file a written notice of appeal with the Department of Infrastructure and Development within twenty-one (21) days of the final decision or determination. The notice of appeal shall contain a statement of grounds for the appeal. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a fee as set from time to time by the City Council. The Director of the Department of Infrastructure and Development shall refer the appeal to the Board of Appeals for hearing pursuant to Sections 17.12.090 through 17.12.130.

15.12.080 Violations—Penalties

Any person found in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a municipal infraction and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation. Each day a violation remains uncorrected is a separate violation subject to an additional citation and fine.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 9 day of March, 2026 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 23 day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

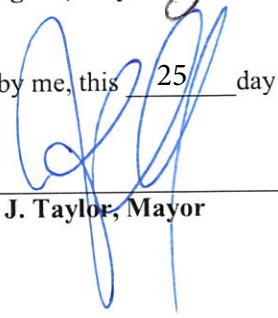


Julie A. English, City Clerk



April R. Jackson, City Council President

Approved by me, this 25 day of March, 2026.



Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor