

Chapter 18.16

LICENSES

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18.16.010 Required. No person, firm, or corporation shall install, maintain, alter or repair any electric wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment used for the utilization of electric current for light, heat, or power within the city limits of Wausau without first having procured an electrical contractor's license. No person shall perform such work other than permitted under the license held by such person, except that such provisions shall not apply to any person employed by, and working under the direction of a holder of an electrical contractor's license; nor shall a license be required in order to execute or perform the following work:

- (a) Minor repair work, the replacement of lamps or the connection of portable devices to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed;
- (b) The installation, alteration or repair of wiring, devices, appliances or equipment in a single-family dwelling, by the owner occupying the dwelling; however, this shall not apply to service installation, replacement or upgrade;
- (c) The installation, alteration or repair of wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment for the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence, where such wiring, devices, appliances or equipment operate at a voltage not exceeding fifty between conductors and do not include generating or transforming equipment capable of supplying more than fifty watts of energy;
- (d) The installation, alteration or repair of electric wiring, devices, appliances and equipment installed by or for an electric public service corporation for the use of such a corporation in the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy, or the use of such a corporation in the operating of signals or the transmission of intelligence;
- (e) Any work involved in the manufacture, test or repair of electric material, devices, appliances or apparatus but not including any permanent wiring other than that required for testing purposes;

(f) The assembly, erection and connection of electric apparatus and equipment by the manufacturer of such apparatus and equipment, but not including any electric wiring other than that involved in making electrical connections on the apparatus or equipment itself or between two or more parts of such apparatus or equipment.

(g) The installation, alteration, and control of electric current in manufacturing facilities under the guidance of a qualified maintenance electrical department. These alterations are to be done in existing facilities only. (Ord. 61-5526 §1, 2012, Ord. 61-4523 §1(part), 1983; Ord. 61-4381 §1(part), 1978.)

18.16.020 Class of license. One class of electrical contractor's license shall be issued by the electrical inspector. The license shall entitle the holder to engage in the business of, and to secure permits for, the installation, alteration and repair of any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment. (Ord. 61-4523 §1(part), 1983; Ord. 61-4381 §1(part), 1978.)

18.16.030 Applications. Applications for licenses shall be made in writing to the city clerk stating the name and place of business of the applicant. (Ord. 61-4523 §1(part), 1983; Ord. 61-4381 §1(part), 1978.)

18.16.035 Certified master electrician. Any person holding a state master electrician certification shall be issued an electrical contractor's license within ten business days of submittal of the following information:

- (a) Evidence that that contractor or at least one full-time employee of the contractor is certified by the state as a master electrician;
- (b) Payment of licensure fee;
- (c) Posting of any required bond. (Ord. 62-4792 §1 1993; Ord. 62-4610 §1, 1987.)

18.16.040 New applications. The city shall refer all new license applications to the state of Wisconsin for qualifications and testing requirements. Before any license shall be issued, the applicant shall have first secured a state of Wisconsin Master Electrician Certification. (Ord. 61-4792 §2, 1993.)

18.16.050 Certificate of license. Each license issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall specify the name of the licensee, and shall specify the name of the person who has passed the examination; and such person shall be designated in the certificate as supervisor of all work to be done under the license. The person designated as the supervisor, may be a person in the employ of the licensees, a member of the firm, or an officer of the corporation. The same person shall not be designated as the supervisor in two or more licenses issued to different licensees. In the event that the business association of the supervisor with, or employment of the supervisor by, the holder of the license shall terminate, the license shall become null and void ten days after such termination. (Ord. 61-4523 §1(part), 1983; Ord. 61-4381 §1(part), 1978.)