



LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laramie County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Antony Pomerleau, Chief Building Official

DATE: December 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2020 National Electrical Code.

Executive Summary

Laramie County has been the issuing authority for building permits since the County adopted the International Building Codes in 2003. From 2003 to 2008, the County contracted with the City of Cheyenne to provide permitting and inspection services. In 2008, the County initiated its own Building Division and began issuing and managing all building permits within the unincorporated boundary of the County. The State of Wyoming, under State Statute § 35-9-121, has delegated authority to Laramie County to “enforce and interpret local or state fire, building, existing building standards or electrical safety standards which meet the requirements” of § 35-9-121.

Laramie County intends to adopt the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code. The State of Wyoming has adopted the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC), pursuant to Wyoming State Statute 35-9-120(a) “The installation of electric equipment in or on building, mobile homes and premises shall be made subject to the applicable minimum requirements of the National Electrical Code.....” The definition of National Electrical Code (NEC) is referenced in the Electrical Board Rules and Regulations which states “NEC is the current electrical code created by the National Fire Protection Association whose purpose is the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity.” Effective July 1, 2020, The Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety will begin enforcing the 2020 NEC. Local jurisdictions will need to also adopt, enforce, and submit local ordinances to the State Fire Marshal that the 2020 NEC is adopted within six (6) months of this effective date.

The Laramie County Planning Commission has voted 4-0 for adoption recommendation at their November 12, 2020 public hearing. Open house was held on November 18, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm, there were no public comments received. As of 5pm on November 20, 2020, there were no public comments submitted to the Clerk’s office.

Staff proposes adoption of the 2020 NEC with amendments.



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Proposed Motion

I move to approve the 2020 National Electrical Code with modifications.