

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-08-061

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN SCHOOLS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND ADDING A SECTION 17.16.125 TO THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to WAC 296-46-140 removed the requirement for review by the Department of Labor and Industries of electrical plans in schools, health care facilities and other institutions in a city which provides electrical inspections and plan review meeting or exceeding Department of Labor and Industries standards unless such review is required by the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has not chosen to perform electrical plan reviews for these institutions in the past, and does not have adequate resources to perform these reviews; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Bellingham to continue to have electrical plan reviews for these institutions performed by the Department of Labor and Industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. A new section is added to the Bellingham Municipal Code to read as follows:

17.16.125 Educational, Health Care and other Institutional Reviews by Dept. of Labor & Industries

Electrical plans for new or altered electrical installations in educational, institutional, and health or personal care occupancies classified or defined in WAC 296-46-130 shall be reviewed and approved by the State Department of Labor and Industries before the electrical installation or alteration is begun.

Section 2. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance which shall be effective immediately upon passage in order to provide for the public health and safety and to insure that adequate plan reviews are conducted in educational, health care and institutional occupancies within the city.

PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 1998.

Bob Ryan
Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 1998.

Mark Asmude
Mayor

Attest: Lynn Carpenter
Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

Randy Sturwood

Office of the City Attorney

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