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**15.01 TITLE.** This Chapter shall be known as the "Electrical Code" of the Village of Sussex.

**15.02 STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED.** The Village Board of the Village of Sussex hereby adopts the Wisconsin State Electrical Code, Volume 1, Wis. Admin. Code Chap. PSC 114 and Volume 2, Wis. Admin. Code Chapter ILHR 16, along with the National Electrical Code, and any future additions, deletions, amendments or modifications of the same, and makes them a part of this Code by reference. Said Codes shall govern the electrical installation, alteration or repair occurring in the Village of Sussex. In the event that there is a conflict between the State and National Codes, the State Code shall control. In the event that there is a conflict within the State Codes, then Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter ILHR 16 prevails.

**15.03 ELECTRICAL PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person, firm or corporation shall alter, install, or repair electrical wires and apparatus for any purpose whatsoever in the Village of Sussex unless and until a permit be obtained from the Village Electrical Inspector in compliance with the terms of this Code.

**15.04 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.** (1) The Electrical Inspector shall be appointed by the Village Administrator. The Electrical Inspector shall be paid a salary as determined by the Village Board. The Electrical Inspector shall be subject to removal from office by the Village Administrator.

(2) The Electrical Inspector shall supervise and approve inspected electrical work, whether new installations, alterations or repairs occurring within the Village of Sussex.

(3) The Electrical Inspector shall enforce the provisions of this Code and shall be responsible for collection of fees and preparation of suitable forms and permits necessary for obtaining compliance with this Code.

(4) The Electrical Inspector shall be well versed in approved methods of electrical construction for safety of life and property, the statutes of the State of Wisconsin relating to electrical work, the rules and regulations issued by the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations under authority of the Statutes.

(5) The Electrical Inspector shall keep complete records of all applications, permits and inspections.

(6) The Electrical Inspector shall not engage in the business of electrical wiring or installation and shall not profit, either directly or indirectly, from any such business in the Village of Sussex. The Electrical Inspector may perform electrical wiring or installation at the request of the Village Board or outside the boundaries of the Village of Sussex.

**15.05 GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.** The Electrical Inspector shall have, except where otherwise provided in this Code, the general management and control of all matters pertaining to electrical inspection and shall enforce all State laws and Village Ordinances relating to the safeguarding of life and property. The purpose of this Code is to reduce personal injury and fire hazards resulting from electrical causes. The Electrical Inspector shall not furnish engineering or technical assistance nor provide any service in any form other than that of inspection.

**15.06 POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ENTER UPON PREMISES.** The Electrical Inspector or authorized agent shall have the power and authority at all reasonable hours, for any proper purpose, to enter any public or private building or premises in the discharge of official duties, or for the purpose of making any

inspection or test of the electrical wires or appliances contained there in. The Electrical Inspector or authorized agent shall be given prompt access to any premises upon notification to the owner or person in immediate charge of the premises. Any person who shall willfully or knowingly resist or obstruct the Inspector in the performances of the Inspector's duty, shall be guilty of a violation of this Chapter.

**15.07 NOTICE TO INSPECT.** Upon completion of "roughed in" wiring, before covering from view, it shall be the duty of the person, persons, firm or corporation doing said electrical work in the Village of Sussex to notify the Electrical Inspector at least 24 hours before inspection is required that the premises are ready to be inspected.

**15.08 AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE ELECTRICAL OPERATION.** The Electrical Inspector shall have the authority to disconnect all electrical current to any equipment which is found to be unsafe, to disconnect electrical current in cases of emergency and to disconnect electrical current which is dangerous to life or property or may interfere with the work of the Fire Department. No person, firm or corporation shall reconnect any equipment thus cut off until permission is given by the Electrical Inspector.

**15.09 PERIODIC INSPECTION.** The Electrical Inspector shall periodically visit and inspect such places especially occupied by the public, such as theaters, motion picture houses, places of amusement, places of assemblage and all parts thereof, in order to examine such places to judge the conditions of the same. The Electrical Inspector shall make a thorough examination of all the electrical equipment and appliances installed within the Village of Sussex and when such equipment and appliances are found to be in an unsafe condition, the Electrical Inspector shall notify the person, firm or corporation owning, using, operating or installing the same to place them in a safe condition. The necessary repairs or changes shall be completed within fifteen days after receipt of such notice. The Electrical Inspector is hereby authorized to order the discontinuance of electrical service to such defective equipment or appliances until they have been repaired, removed, or changed as directed by the Electrical Inspector, subject to the limitations of this Code. Failure to obey said order shall subject the person, firm or corporation failing to make such repair or disconnection to the penalties hereinafter provided. Every day for which the order is not complied with shall constitute a separate offense.

**15.10 APPLICATION AND PERMITS.** No electrical wiring, whether in the nature of installation, alteration or repair shall be done without the filing of an application on a form prescribed by the Village, the issuance of a permit, and the payment of inspection fees. The contractor shall do the work in accordance with this Code as required. The Electrical Inspector may refuse to issue a permit if the application form is not completely filled out in accordance with the terms of this Code.

**15.11 ELECTRICAL LICENSE REQUIRED.** (1) No person, firm or corporation shall alter, install or repair electrical wires and apparatus for any purposes whatsoever in the Village of Sussex without a Village of Sussex Contractor's license.

(2) The Village of Sussex will grant a license if the applicant has State certification by the State of Wisconsin pursuant to Chapter ILHR 17, Wis. Admin. Code. A photostatic copy of the State certificate and Certificate of Insurance must be furnished to the Village before a Contractor's license will be granted.

(3) The fee for the Contractor's license shall be established by resolution of the Village Board and shall be paid at the time of issuance or renewal.

(4) Electrical Contractor licenses shall be renewed on January 1 of each year.

**15.12 FEES.** All fees under the terms of this Section shall be determined and set by resolution of the Village Board from time to time without the necessity of a formal hearing and shall be paid by the applicant to the Electrical Inspector prior to issuance of the permit.

**15.13 PENALTIES.** Any person who shall violate the provision of this Section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 25.04 of this Municipal Code.