

The director shall require the applicant to show that the applicant is qualified to perform such work in a capable manner so as not to endanger the life and property of himself, persons in the neighborhood or property belonging to public utility suppliers. If the director finds the applicant qualified to perform such work, a permit will be issued subject to compliance with all requirements of this chapter. No permit shall be required for minor repairs, etc. as defined in Sec. 83-9(d) of this chapter.

This Article shall not apply to electrical installations or work on equipment installed by, and for the use of any public utility company regulated by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and accessory wiring and equipment necessary to operate the generation, transmission and distribution systems.

Sec. 83-31. Article Does Not Exempt Compliance with Electrical Codes.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to exempt any electrical work in the county from complying with the requirements of the National Electrical Code and the Montgomery County Electrical Code.

Sec. 83-32. Violations, Penalties and Enforcement.

Any person, firm, company, corporation or partnership in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

DIVISION II. ELECTRICAL BOARD GENERALLY

Sec. 83-33. Created; Composition.

There is hereby created a board of electrical examiners composed of five (5) voting members, residents of the county, constituted as follows:

- (a) One member shall be an electrical contractor.
- (b) Three members shall be active at the time of their appointment, or shall have had previous experience, as an electrical contractor, electrical contractor limited, as an electrical engineer, or shall otherwise be technically qualified to determine proficiency in the electrical field.
- (c) One member shall represent the general public.
- (d) A member of the office of the Montgomery County fire marshal and a member of the office of the department of inspection and licenses shall be assigned as ex officio non-voting members of the board.
- (e) The chairman of the board shall be designated by the council. If the council does not designate a chairman, the board shall elect its own chairman. The board shall select a vice-chairman and such other officers as it may desire. The vice-chairman shall, in the absence of the chairman, assume all the duties and responsibilities of the chairman.

Sec. 83-34. Appointment and Terms of Members.

Original members of the board shall be appointed by the county council for terms expiring one, two and three years, respectively, as designated by the county council at the time of appointment. All appointments to the board thereafter shall be for a term of three (3) years, except, that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.