

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, Part 1, Article III, §20-15(B) §20-18 and of the Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts, entitled "Department of Public Works."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

Under §20-15B, all matters having to do with electricity as more fully set in Chapter 140 of the City Code entitled "Electrical Standards" is under the jurisdiction of the Division of Lands and Building.

The City Electrician and his/her staff manages and executes all matters having to do with electricity under the supervision and direction of the City Electrician and not under the direction of Division of Lands and Buildings. The City Electrician manages its own operating budget separate from the Division of Lands and Building.

Under §20-18, a separate Division of Electrical is proposed to reflect the actual organizational and financial structure of the work performed under the City Electrician.

THEREFORE, "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts," hereinafter called the "Code," adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 20, Part 1, Article III, §20-15B and §20-18, entitled "Department of Public Works," as follows:

§20-15. Division of Lands and Buildings

B(1) is hereby amended by striking "*All matters having to do with electricity, as more fully set forth in Chapter 140 of the City Code entitled "Electrical Standards," shall be under the jurisdiction of the Division of Land and Buildings*"

§20-18. (Reserved) is hereby replaced with the following:

§20-18. Division of Electrical

All matters having to do with electricity, as more fully set forth in Chapter 140 of the City Code entitled "Electrical Standards" shall be under the jurisdiction of the Division of Electrical

All provisions of the Code of the City of Lowell, as amended, which are not inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 and 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor



Christine Clancy, P.E.
DPW Commissioner

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager
FROM: Christine Clancy, P.E., DPW Commissioner
DATE: July 23, 2021
RE: Vote to Amend Department of Public Works Divisions – Establish a Division of Electricity

Currently under §20-15(B) of the Code of Ordinances, all matters having to do with electricity falls under the jurisdiction of the Division of Lands and Building within the Department of Public Works.

However, divisional practices have shown that electrician services are a specialized regulatory activity separate and distinct from the typical duties under the jurisdiction of the Division of Land and Buildings.

City staff activity involving the regulation of electrical standards in the City in practice are managed under the supervision and direction of the City Electrician and not under the direction of Division of Lands and Buildings.

Furthermore, the City Electrician manages its own operating budget as separate from the Division of Lands and Building.

In light of current operational practices, reestablishment of a Division of Electricity within the Department of Public Works will better reflect the actual organizational and financial structure of the work performed under the City Electrician, promoting greater operational, managerial, and administrative efficiencies within the department.

cc: Christine O'Connor, City Solicitor
Steve Coutu, City Electrician