ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION

The Minnesota State Building Code and Richfield City Code provide minimum standards for creating an environment of health and safety for all Richfield residents.

Contractor's Name_____________________________ Address__________________________

License Number ________________________________ Issued by MN. State Board of Electricity)

This is to certify that a licensed electrician employed by this firm has inspected the electrical system of the dwelling located at ___________________________________________________________ (Address)

This inspection reveals this entire electrical system meets the current N.E.C. standards and/or the electrical certification requirements on the back of this form. (PLEASE DO NOT WRITE “SEE ATTACHED”)

This inspection reveals the: __________________________________________________________________________________

portion of the electrical system meets the current N.E.C. standards and/or the electrical certification requirements on the back of this form.

I certify that I am authorized to sign this certification on behalf of the master electrician, ____________________________________________, and that, by the signature hereinafter made, __________________________ is duly bound under the terms and conditions of the certification. (Name of company – please print)

This certification as to the conditions of the electrical system is based upon examination and a visual inspection on the date and address listed above.

I further certify that I have no interest, present or prospective, in the property, buyer, seller, broker, mortgagee, or any other party involved in the transaction.

WARNING
Whoever, for the purpose of influencing in any way the action of this office, makes, passes, utters, or publishes any statement, knowing the same to be false, shall be turned over to the city attorney for prosecution. Also, the electrician’s union and/or state electrical board shall be notified for the appropriate action.

(DATE) ___________________________ (SIGNATURE & TITLE)

This handout is written as a guide to common questions and problems. It is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements.
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Zoning Administrator ● (612) 861-9760
ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All wiring that conforms with N.E.C. requirements in effect, now or at the time of the installation, may remain, if maintained in good condition, is being used in a safe manner, and does not constitute a hazard. All hazardous wiring and all disconnected exposed wiring must be removed.

SERVICES

1. An existing 60 Amp service may remain if:
   a. It is in good, safe condition. Only one wire is permitted under each lug.
   b. It is not overloaded (a basic rule, which does not always apply, is: a 60Amp service is sufficient where no more than one major 230-volt appliance is connected. See N.E.C. article 220 for service calculations.)
2. All services must be properly grounded, including bonding around water meters.
3. All branch circuits must have properly sized over-current protection. Edison-base type fuses must be type S with adapters.
4. Overhead service conductors must have at least a 10’ clearance above grade, open porches and decks. All other clearances are subject to N.E.C. requirements. EXCEPTION: On services installed prior to 1962, the clearance above ground at the point of attachment cannot be less than 8’.

CLOSET LIGHT FIXTURES

1. Incandescent fixtures must have a completely enclosed lamp and cannot be within 12” of the nearest storage shelf on clothes rack.
2. Fluorescent fixtures cannot be within 6” of the nearest storage shelf or clothes rack.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

1. Every habitable room shall be provided with 2 separate duplex outlets. One electrical light fixture controlled by a remote switch may be supplied in lieu of one required outlet in each habitable room.
2. Every bathroom, laundry room, furnace room, public hall and outdoor entrances or exits shall contain at least one light fixture.
3. All outlets must be wired with correct polarity. All grounding-type outlets must be grounded.
4. All bathrooms must contain an outlet or a new GFI protected outlet must be installed.
5. All light fixtures must be properly wired, in good repair, and secured tightly to the wall or ceiling. Any globes and shields that are required must be in place and not broken or cracked.
6. Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for fixed wiring.