

Chapter E 2

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Note: The Electrical Code, Volume 1 as it existed on September 30, 1979, was repealed and a new Electrical Code, Volume 1 was created effective October 1, 1979.

E 2.01 Scope of code. Volume 1, Wisconsin State Electrical Code, shall apply as minimum fire and safety requirements for the construction, installation and maintenance of all electrical power and communication circuits and equipment including signal, cable television, radio, and lightning rod equipment—it includes rules to be observed in the operation of electrical power and communication equipment and lines.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79.

E 2.02 Authority and statutory references. (1) **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.** Volume 1, Wisconsin State Electrical Code, constitutes a general order of the public service commission authorized by ss. 227.014, and 196.74, Stats.

(2) **ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.** The authority for the enforcement of Volume 1, Wisconsin State Electrical Code, is vested in the public service commission with respect to the installation and operation of circuits or equipment by public utilities and railroads in the exercise of their functions as utilities and railroads.

(3) **STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT.** (a) Compliance with the requirements of Volume 1, Wisconsin State Electrical Code, is required before a utility may provide electric service even though some portions of the code may not be directly enforceable by state agencies. (See s. 167.16, Stats.)

(b) The requirements in the code are enforceable in the same manner as other orders of the public service commission. (See ss. 102.57, 102.58, 195.07, 196.41, 196.64, 196.66, 196.74, and ch. 227, Stats., 1975.)

(4) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS.** (a) There are state statutes that refer directly to certain electrical construction. Some of these are ss. 66.047, 86.16, 134.40, 134.41, 167.16, 182.017, 182.0175, 182.018, 196.171, 196.58, 196.67, and 196.72, Stats., 1975.

(b) Nothing in this code shall be construed to deprive a municipality of jurisdiction over utilities, places of employment or public buildings, except that no local requirements shall be less stringent than the requirements in these chapters. (See s. 196.58, Stats., 1975.)

(c) A utility may file with the public service commission, as a condition of a rate application, requirements covering subject matter which is a part of this code, but such requirements must be acceptable and not less stringent than the requirements of these chapters. (See s. 196.19, Stats.)

(5) COMPLAINTS. If a complaint is filed with the public service commission by any interested party to the effect that public safety requires changes in construction or methods of operation, the public service commission shall investigate and make recommendations. (See s. 196.74, Stats., for procedure if changes in utility facilities are necessary.)

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