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# **Business Impact Analysis**

Agency, Board, or Commission Name: Board o	f Building Standards
<b>Rule Contact Name and Contact Information:</b>	
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Regulation/Package Title (a general description o	f the rules' substantive content):
2020 NEC	
Rule Number(s): 4101:1-35-01, 4101:2-15-01, 41	01:3-15-01
Date of Submission for CSI Review: 10-26-21	<u> </u>
Public Comment Period End Date: 11-17-21	
Rule Type/Number of Rules:	
New/ rules	No Change/ rules (FYR?)
Amended/ <u>3</u> rules (FYR? <u>N</u> )	Rescinded/ rules (FYR?)

The Common Sense Initiative is established in R.C. 107.61 to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation. Under the Common Sense Initiative, agencies must balance the critical objectives of regulations that have an adverse impact on business with the costs of compliance by the regulated parties. Agencies should promote transparency, responsiveness, predictability, and flexibility while developing regulations that are fair and easy to follow. Agencies should prioritize compliance over punishment, and to that end, should utilize plain language in the development of regulations.

#### **Reason for Submission**

1. R.C. 106.03 and 106.031 require agencies, when reviewing a rule, to determine whether the rule has an adverse impact on businesses as defined by R.C. 107.52. If the agency determines that it does, it must complete a business impact analysis and submit the rule for CSI review.

Which adverse impact(s) to businesses has the agency determined the rule(s) create?

The rule(s):

- a. 

  Requires a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business.
- b. 

  Imposes a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or creates a cause of action for failure to comply with its terms.
- c. 

  Requires specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance.
- d. 

  Is likely to directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business to which it will apply or applies.

## **Regulatory Intent**

2. Please briefly describe the draft regulation in plain language.

Please include the key provisions of the regulation as well as any proposed amendments.

The Ohio Board of Building Standards (Board) proposes to amend Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rules as follows:

## Proposed Ohio Building Code Rule

**4101:1-35-01** to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

## Proposed Ohio Mechanical Code Rule

**4101:2-15-01** to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

## Proposed Ohio Plumbing Code Rule

**4101:3-15-01** to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

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3. Please list the Ohio statute(s) that authorize the agency, board or commission to adopt the rule(s) and the statute(s) that amplify that authority.

Revised Code § 3781.10: <a href="http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3781.10">http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3781.10</a>
Revised Code Chapter 3783: <a href="https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-3783">https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-3783</a>

4. Does the regulation implement a federal requirement? Is the proposed regulation being adopted or amended to enable the state to obtain or maintain approval to administer and enforce a federal law or to participate in a federal program?

If yes, please briefly explain the source and substance of the federal requirement.

No.

5. If the regulation includes provisions not specifically required by the federal government, please explain the rationale for exceeding the federal requirement.

NA

6. What is the public purpose for this regulation (i.e., why does the Agency feel that there needs to be any regulation in this area at all)?

Revised Code § 3781.10 directs the Board to "formulate and adopt rules governing the erection, construction, repair, alteration and maintenance of all buildings specified in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code..." It further requires that the Board's rules also "relate to the conservation of energy and the safety and sanitation of those buildings."

7. How will the Agency measure the success of this regulation in terms of outputs and/or outcomes?

The enforcement of these rules will be implemented by certified township, city, and county building departments. Rule 4101:1-1-01 lays out the administrative procedures certified building departments must follow to implement the substantive requirements of these rules to determine compliance. These provisions require a builder or owner to make application to a building department to obtain an approval to build (permit). As part of this application the owner must submit sufficient information and/or construction documents for the building official/plans examiner to determine whether the proposed work complies with the code. After the builder or owner obtains the approval (permit), construction may commence, and the building department inspectors will inspect the construction to ensure that the work conforms with the original approval. Rule 4101:1-1-01 § 105.2 provides that in the absence of fraud or a serious safety or sanitation hazard, any non-residential structure built in accordance with approved plans shall be conclusively presumed to comply with these rules. The Board requires that certified nonresidential building departments submit an annual yearly operational report which lists the following information: current employees and their certifications, total number of permits issued during the year for each type of occupancy, total number of inspections made, the total value of construction, and the total number of appeals of the code requested by a builder or owner during the year.

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8. Are any of the proposed rules contained in this rule package being submitted pursuant to R.C. 101.352, 101.353, 106.032, 121.93, or 121.931?

If yes, please specify the rule number(s), the specific R.C. section requiring this submission, and a detailed explanation.

No.

## **Development of the Regulation**

9. Please list the stakeholders included by the Agency in the development or initial review of the draft regulation.

If applicable, please include the date and medium by which the stakeholders were initially contacted.

These rules are proposed in response to approved Petition 20-01 submitted by the Ohio Electrical Coalition on January 30, 2020, requesting the Board update the edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) referenced in the Ohio Building, Plumbing & Mechanical Codes from the 2017 to the 2020 edition. Petition 20-01 is attached as Exhibit A.

The Board maintains a stakeholder distribution list including building department personnel, contractors, designers and professional associations. The stakeholder list is available upon request. On February 26, 2020, the Board sent an email to all agency stakeholders informing them of a scheduled stakeholder meeting and education forum on March 9, 2020 to hear comments and respond to questions on the proposed rules. The February 26, 2020 notice is attached as Exhibit B. At the stakeholder meeting on March 9,2020, representatives from the Ohio Electrical Coalition provided an overview of the changes and responded to questions. The following individuals attended: Gregory Cade, NFPA, Tom Moore, Ohio Code Coalition, Tim McClintock, NEMA, Tim Curry, IEC, Cincinnati, Don Iverson, Square D, Mike Boso, Grove City, Mike Shaner, Grove City, Paul Duemmel, Grove City, James Burke, EMA, Ted Kienzle, EMS, Nick D'Angelo, Eaton, Steve Helmer, L. Rabintoenovi, Parkview Homes, Gary Sougek, Parkview Homes, Kris Klaus, OHBA, Mike Hulsey, Whitehall, David Hewitt, Siemens, Bob McMuldrene, Medina Cty Building Dept/IAEI, Joseph Amato, Delaware Cty, & Troy Warnock, Licking Cty BD.

The Ohio Electrical Coalition presented cost impact information of the proposed code update to the Board's Code Committee at its meeting on May 28, 2020 and again provided additional information to the Code Committee at its meeting on April 1, 2021.

Following the Board's approval of Petition 20-01 at its meeting on May 14, 2021 based on the Code Committee's recommendation, the Board received email correspondence from Architect Scott Finfrock regarding the new GFCI requirement in the 2020 NEC affecting HVAC equipment functioning.

At its meeting on June 24, 2021, the Board's Code Committee reconsidered its prior action to recommend approval of the Petition and representatives from the Ohio Electrical Coalition again

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provided information to the Committee regarding the GFCI effect on certain HVAC equipment and the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) move to delay the implementation of the requirement with Temporary Interim Amendment (TIA).

Following reconsideration and approval of Petition 20-01 to adopt 2020 NEC with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed, the Board again sent an email to all agency stakeholders on September 2, 2021 informing them of the proposed adoption of the 2020 NEC with amendment and to provide comments or questions by September 15, 2021. The September 2, 2021 notice is attached as Exhibit C.

# 10. What input was provided by the stakeholders, and how did that input affect the draft regulation being proposed by the Agency?

No significant stakeholder comments were provided at the March 9, 2020 stakeholder meeting/education forum, other than general support for the adoption of the 2020 NEC.

Information provided to the Board by the Ohio Electrical Coalition and considered at the May 28, 2020 and April 1, 2021 Code Committee meetings are attached as Exhibit D (IAEI 2020 NEC Significant Changes Presentation materials not included but available upon request).

Correspondence from Architect Scott Finfrock is attached as Exhibit E. This information and other information received regarding the incompatibility of GFCI's with certain HVAC equipment led the Board to add an additional exemption to Section 210.8(F) noted in the reference the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) in each of the proposed rules.

In response to the September 2, 2021 stakeholder notification, the Board received one comment from the Ohio Manufacturer's Association in support of adoption and attached as Exhibit F.

# 11. What scientific data was used to develop the rule or the measurable outcomes of the rule? How does this data support the regulation being proposed?

The National Electrical Code is developed and updated by the NFPA through an open consensus-based process. More information regarding the NFPA's standards development process is described here.

# 12. What alternative regulations (or specific provisions within the regulation) did the Agency consider, and why did it determine that these alternatives were not appropriate? If none, why didn't the Agency consider regulatory alternatives?

Newer standard editions typically reflect newer technologies and materials available in the construction industry as well as enhancing safety through additional requirements that address identified hazards. Not adopting the newer edition may affect an owner's flexibility in building design and delays progressive safety enhancements in new construction.

13. Did the Agency specifically consider a performance-based regulation? Please explain.

Performance-based regulations define the required outcome, but don't dictate the process the regulated stakeholders must use to achieve compliance.

Continuing law permits a registered design professional's alternative engineered design to be a compliance alternative method to the prescriptive requirements of the code. Section 106.5 of the OBC permits a registered design professional to submit sufficient technical data to substantiate that performance of the proposed alternative engineered design meets the intent of the code. Additionally, Section 107.4.3 provides that when construction documents have been prepared by an Ohio registered design professional conforming to the requirements of the rules of the Board pertaining to design loads, stresses, strength, and stability and other requirements involving technical analysis, the documents need only be examined to the extent necessary to determine conformity with other requirements of the rules of the Board.

14. What measures did the Agency take to ensure that this regulation does not duplicate an existing Ohio regulation?

Editorial changes are routinely made to the rules to provide consistency with the Ohio Revised Code and other Board and agencies' rules. Additionally, RC § 3781.10 gives the Board sole authority to adopt rules which regulate the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of all buildings or classes of buildings specified RC 3781.06 including residential and non-residential buildings.

15. Please describe the Agency's plan for implementation of the regulation, including any measures to ensure that the regulation is applied consistently and predictably for the regulated community.

Training has been readily available on the 2020 NEC to both contractors and inspectors since early 2020. Additionally, for these rules to be enforced by a local government, its building department must be certified by the Board. The Board also certifies the personnel who work within these departments to ensure only qualified personnel are enforcing the Board's rules. Certified personnel must complete continuing education to maintain their certifications and continue to be authorized to enforce these rules. The Board has authority to suspend or revoke certifications for failure to properly enforce the rules. Also, the Board has a staff member dedicated to responding to complaints by persons affected by the Board rules. This program helps promote consistent and predictable application of the Board rules.

#### **Adverse Impact to Business**

- 16. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule. Specifically, please do the following:
  - a. Identify the scope of the impacted business community; and
    - Building owners
    - Design Professionals
    - Contractors

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- Building Department Personnel
- b. Identify the nature of all adverse impact (e.g., fees, fines, employer time for compliance,); and
  - Obtaining copies 2020 NEC
  - Becoming familiar with the changes through research and training
  - New requirements that may affect cost of construction in labor/materials
- c. Quantify the expected adverse impact from the regulation.

The adverse impact can be quantified in terms of dollars, hours to comply, or other factors; and may be estimated for the entire regulated population or for a "representative business." Please include the source for your information/estimated impact.

- Hard copies of the 2020 NEC are available to purchase from NFPA for approximately \$130.
   However, NFPA provides free online access to the 2020 NEC and prior editions <a href="here">here</a>.
- Training has been readily available on the 2020 NEC to both contractors and inspectors since early 2020, therefore there is expected limited training time/cost impact.
- While it is difficult to estimate cost impact of code changes due the variance in building design, the Ohio Electrical Coalition submitted estimated cost impact of new code requirement for a proposed 90,000 sf, 4-story mixed used building (apartments/office space). See Exhibit D. According the estimate, the code changes increase cost of the electrical work for the proposed new building by approximately \$40K or a 5% increase. However, other changes to lighting load requirements and design options for surge protection devices, may reduce this by approximately \$10K reducing the overall percentage increase to less than 4%.

# 17. Why did the Agency determine that the regulatory intent justifies the adverse impact to the regulated business community?

Cost of books and training is minimal since NFPA provides free online access 2020 NEC and training has been readily available in Ohio for inspectors/contractors on the new code for almost 2 years. The 4-5% increase in electrical construction costs are due to changes related to surge protection devices, GFCI protection for ranges and dryers, additional island receptacles and required fan boxes. The surge protection devices and GFCI protection for ranges/dryers are safety enhancements, the additional island receptacles are for convenience and safety to limit use of extensions cords, and the fan boxes are also safety enhancement to add structural support to the fan.

## **Regulatory Flexibility**

18. Does the regulation provide any exemptions or alternative means of compliance for small businesses? Please explain.

The building codes do not have special exemptions or alternative means of compliance specifically for small business. The OBC requires a building official to issue an adjudication order to an owner when the design or construction of a building does not comply with the OBC. The adjudication order must comply with Revised Code Chapter 119 and give the owner an opportunity to appeal. This mechanism is often utilized by an owner voluntarily to obtain a variance from the requirements. Variance

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requests are heard by either the Ohio Board of Building Appeals or a certified local board of building appeals.

Also, the OBC permits alternative engineered designs prepared by a registered design professional to not strictly comply with the prescriptive requirements of the rules. To obtain approvals based on alternative engineered designs, the design professional must submit sufficient technical information to demonstrate that the performance meets the intent of the rules.

19. How will the agency apply Ohio Revised Code section 119.14 (waiver of fines and penalties for paperwork violations and first-time offenders) into implementation of the regulation?

Revised Code § 3781.102 does not authorize the Board to set the fees and/or penalties assessed by local certified building departments in connection with the enforcement of these rules. Compliance with the rules is accomplished through construction conforming to the certificate of plan approval (permit). Therefore, there are no potential paperwork violations of these rules.

20. What resources are available to assist small businesses with compliance of the regulation?

The Board's technical staff spends approximately 25% of their time responding to questions on the building codes and educating design professionals, contractors, the public, and code officials of the intent of the Board's rules assisting all parties in compliance. Additionally, the Board has historically partnered with NFPA to offer training to the construction industry on the newer edition of the NEC. It is expected that similar training will be offered as part of this adoption.

Exhibit A

January 30, 2020

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Subject: Petition to Update NFPA 70

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3781.12, please find attached a petition from the Ohio Electrical Coalition requesting the Ohio Board of Building Standards update the 2017 edition of NFPA 70 to the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Moore

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# **BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS**

# **APPLICATION**

FOR

# **RULE CHANGE**

Pursuant to section 3781.12 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the Board of Building Standards, application is herewith submitted to adopt, amend, or annul a rule adopted by the Board pursuant to section 3718.10 of the Revised Code.



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For BBS use:		
Petition #:		
Date Recv'd:		

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<b>Code Section:</b>	Referenced Standar	d NFPA 70 41	L01:1-35-01,	
General Explan	ation of Proposed Change (attac	h additional sheets if ı	necessary):	4101:3-15-01
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Explanation of	Cost Impact of Proposed Code (	Change*: Ple	ase see atta	chment.
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*Attach additio	nal cost information as necessary to just	ify any statement of cost	increase or cost decrease.	

Form: 1536 OBBS - 716160

Information on	Submittal (attach additional sheets if necessary):				
1. Sponsor:					
	Ohio Electrical Coalition				
2. Rule Title:	Organization sponsoring or requesting the rule change (if any)				
20 1000	Referenced Standard NFPA 70 4101:1-35-01, 4101:2-15-01 & Title of rule change 4101:3-15-01				
3. Purpose/ Objective:	Please see attachment.				
	Technical justification for the proposed rule change				
4. Formatted Rule Language	Please see attachment.				
(Using Strike-out for Deleted Text and Underline for Added Text)					
5. Notes:	1. To encourage uniformity among states using model codes, it is recommended that the submitter first submit any code change directly to ICC and participate in the national model code development process.  2. Please provide a copy of application and documentation.  3. Use a separate form for each code change proposal.				

Form: 1536 OBBS - 716160

January 13, 2020

Ohio Board of Building Standards Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Re: Petition to update referenced standard NFPA 70 National Electrical Code 2017 edition to the 2020 edition

# **Rule Titles:**

4101:1-35-01 Referenced standards: <del>70-17 National Electrical Code</del> 70-20 National Electrical Code

4101:2-15-01 Referenced standards: <del>70-17 National Electrical Code</del> 70-20 National Electrical Code

4101:3-15-01 Referenced standards: <del>70-17 National Electrical Code</del> 70-20 National Electrical Code

## Submitter:

**Sponsor:** Ohio Electrical Coalition

# Reason and Technical Justification for Rule Change:

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3781.12, the Ohio Electrical Coalition respectfully requests the Ohio Board of Building Standards update the 2017 edition of NFPA 70 with the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

NFPA 70 has been with us since shortly after the dawn of electrical distribution. It's mission of practical safeguarding has been built on the collective knowledge of industry experts such as electricians, electrical inspectors, manufacturers, testing lab personnel, and other professionals. The 2020 edition of NFPA 70 was issued by the NFPA Standards Council on August 5, 2019 and was approved as an American National Standard on August 25, 2019.

With the everchanging electrical industry landscape, the 2020 edition of NFPA 70 introduces important changes that not only advance new methods, materials and installation practices for safely distributing electrical power and safe interaction with electrical systems, but also changes to rules used for calculations to modernize and reflect improvements in energy efficiency which may provide relief on the overall cost of the electrical system.

Advancement of technology requires up-to-date standards for safe implementation to

ensure that the end-user can take advantage of this innovation without endangering themselves or their property. New 2020 NFPA 70 requirements that were added relating to alternative energy continue to stay relevant and not serve as a roadblock to the implementation of those technologies.

Advancements in electrical equipment have made systems that power our homes and workplaces even safer. The electrical industry is known for constantly moving forward in promoting safer and more efficient equipment through technology. Updating to the 2020 NFPA 70 is a vitally important and proactive step for consumer protection and for the safe advancement of new electrical system technology.

Following are some of the key changes that impact electrical safety:

# Keeping the regulatory document current with industry trends in new technology and delivery and generation of electric power.

- 230.67. New requirement covering surge protection for dwelling units aligns with the
  everchanging electrical industry landscape to protect against surges that can
  damage sensitive electronics and systems found in most modern appliances, safety
  devices and equipment used in dwellings. With the expanded use of distributed
  energy resources, these can also contribute introduction of surges into the system.
- A new definition for reconditioned equipment and several new sections throughout the *Code* to address whether equipment is permitted to be reconditioned.
- Article 242 Overvoltage Protection new article addresses installation requirements for Surge-Protective Devices (SPD)and Surge Arrestors used to achieve this protection.
- Article 625 Electric Vehicle Power Transfer System requirements for electric vehicles and supply equipment to encompass bidirectional current exchange.
- Updates to Articles 690 Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems, 691 Large-Scale Photovoltaic (PV) Electric Supply Stations, 706 Energy Storage Systems, Article 710 Standalone Systems and Article 712 Direct-Current Micro-grids continue to support new and expanding technologies, which has immeasurable societal benefits at both a micro- and macro-economic perspective.
- Requirements to address the advancement of Power over Ethernet (PoE) in cables that previously only transmitted data and not power.

# Examples of new and revised requirements that may provide relief on the overall cost of the electrical system.

- 210.11(C)(3) & (4). Revision specifies which receptacle outlets are required to be on the required 20 ampere circuit for bathrooms and garages which provides more flexibility with circuiting in those areas.
- Article 220 Branch-Circuit, Feeder, and Service Load Calculations Several revisions to this article, including the modernization of the tables currently in use for calculations, which has been extensively revised to reflect improvements in energy efficiency and may grant substantial relief for sizing of service and feeder

- distribution systems.
- 225.30(B). Revised to permit multiple smaller feeders, with smaller conductors and lower rated OCPD's to allow more flexibility with the design.
- 250.104(A)(1). Revision provides relief with the maximum sized bonding jumper for bonding metal water piping systems.

# Protecting electrical workers while maintaining or servicing electrical or electrically-powered equipment.

- 110.26(C)(3). Enhancing electrical worker safety by revising the working space requirements for non-dwelling unit large electrical equipment installations.
- 230.62(C). New requirement that provides additional shock protection with barriers to be placed in service equipment to prevent inadvertent contact.
- 230.71(B). Requirements for service disconnecting means is revised by eliminating
  the risk of the inability to establish an electrically safe work condition for justified
  energized work that must be performed within service equipment enclosures with
  more than one service disconnect.
- 240.67 & 240.87. Revised requirements for arc energy reduction to ensure it is set to
  operate at less than the available arcing current and prohibits temporary adjustment
  of the instantaneous trip setting as the method for meeting the requirement for circuit
  breakers.
- 408.18(C). New requirement that specifies the manufacturer to provide a label on the front of the equipment when working space is required for rear or side access to the equipment.

# Protecting patient sleeping rooms in nursing homes and limited-care facilities from fires of electrical origin

 Arc-fault circuit interrupters are the most advanced technology currently recognized by the NEC for protecting premises against fires resulting from damaged wiring. Revisions to these requirements expand this protection to these occupancies.

# Protecting people from electric shock in homes, workplaces and places of recreation.

- New requirements for ground-fault circuit interrupter protection (GFCI) expand the
  protection across a range of uses and occupancies. First introduced in the early
  1970s, their continued expansion to cover areas in homes and workplaces where
  occupants are particularly susceptible to electric shock accidents can be directly
  attributed to reductions in electrocutions and electric shock accidents.
- Revision to add floating buildings to the scope of Article 555 and revised to provide greater flexibility with the application of ground-fault protection requirements.

Updating the NEC makes sure communities continue to provide an acceptable level of

public safety while supporting the latest technological advances. This will ensure that there are safe installation requirements in place to allow uniform implementation of the latest developments in electrical systems, equipment, and technology to meet consumer demand.

Sincerely,

Ohio Electrical Coalition



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January 17, 2020

Ohio Board of Building Standards

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Subject: 2020 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC) Update

The Ohio Chapter IAEI strongly encourages the Ohio Board of Building Standards to update its current NFPA 70, from the 2017 edition to the 2020 edition for Ohio Building Code regulated occupancies and supports the petition submitted on behalf of the Ohio Code Coalition. The OBBS has proven time and time again that they are at the forefront of public safety by adopting codes that ensure the health, safety and security of the occupants or users of buildings.

The NEC provides for the practical safeguarding of persons and property from the hazards arising from the use of electricity.

In addition to new requirements to address advancing alternative technologies and improved safety for the electrical worker, the 2020 NEC also expands important safety requirements for dwelling unit occupancies. While expansion of important safety requirements may add cost, the 2020 NEC also includes requirements that provide economic relief.

The Ohio Chapter IAEI Board of Directors respectfully requests the OBBS move forward with updating the NFPA 70, NEC, to the 2020 edition. Embracing these requirements by updating to the 2020 NEC is an important step forward with public safety.

Respectfully,

Karl J Frederick

Karl Frederick. President

On behalf of the Board Members of the Ohio Chapter IAEI



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The Southwest Division, Ohio Chapter of the IAEI fully supports the petition submitted by the Ohio Chapter Board of Directors for adoption of the 2020 edition of NFPA 70 for buildings and structures 4 family and above.

The changes made in the 2020 NEC will further enhance safety and embrace new technologies. Ohio has historically adopted the latest edition of the NEC because it is a recognized standard that promotes electrical safety.

Sincerely,

Pete Baldauf Vice President SW Division IAEI

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# **National Fire Protection Association**

January 17, 2020

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Rd Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: Support for the Ohio Electrical Coalition's Petition to Update Referenced Standard NFPA 70

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

NFPA 70 focuses on the proper installation of electrical systems and equipment to protect people and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity. As electrical equipment has become more complex and widespread, the NFPA 70 has adapted to meet new challenges. Revised every three years to allow for new technologies and improved installation safety practices, NFPA 70 is a ready-to-use, comprehensive standard suitable for adoption.

NFPA 70 is developed and produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an independent, not-for-profit standards developing organization and advocate of fire, building, and electrical safety. Since 1911, NFPA has been the sponsor of NFPA 70 and the requirements of this standard have continued to evolve with America's heavy reliance on reliable and safe electrical energy. NFPA 70 is developed through an open, transparent, and balanced process accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

The NFPA 70 community has worked diligently to make sure safe installation rules are in place for the continuously changing electrical industry landscape. The 2020 edition of NFPA 70 has been issued by the NFPA Standards Council.

NFPA supports the petition filed on behalf of the Ohio Electrical Coalition, to update the 2017 edition of NFPA 70 to the 2020 edition. We encourage the Ohio Board of Building Standards to move forward by providing its citizens with the appropriate level of safety outlined in the 2010 edition of NFPA.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Cade Regional Director 2121 Allen Gimbert Way Virginia Beach, VA 23453-6672 202-309-8537 gcade@nfpa.org



January 27, 2020

Ohio Board of Building Standards Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Subject: Support for Petition to update the referenced National Electrical Code to the 2020 Edition

Dear Secretary Hanshaw,

We at Underwriters Laboratories (UL) are deeply committed to advancing the safety of the citizens of the state of Ohio. UL believes that the National Electrical Code (NEC©), NFPA 70, serves as an important tool in advancing that safety. Adoption of the most current edition of the code, in this case the 2020 NEC©, by the Ohio Board of Building Standards, is critical to keeping pace with safety science. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 3781.12, I am writing on behalf of UL to request that the State of Ohio move forward with the adoption of the 2020 NEC as requested in the petition filed by the Ohio Electrical Coalition.

UL is driven by our global safety Mission — promoting safe living and working environments by the application of safety science and hazard-based safety engineering. Founded in 1894, UL has earned a reputation as a global leader in product safety standards development, testing and certification, especially in the areas of fire and electrical safety, the basis of UL's founding. UL therefore works closely with the electrical installation community to coordinate product safety standardization/certification with installation safety practice to achieve the most desirable safety outcomes.

In conclusion, UL urges the Ohio Board of Building Standards to ensure the safety of its citizens by adopting the latest electrical safety requirements as represented by the 2020 edition of the NEC©.

Should you have any questions, please contact our UL representative for Ohio, Tom Lichtenstein, at <a href="mailto:thenstein@ul.com">thomas.r.lichtenstein@ul.com</a> or by phone at (847) 664-2160.

Sincerely,

**Thomas Blewitt** 

Vice President and Chief Technical Officer

**UL LLC, Connected Technologies** 

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CC: Tom Lichtenstein, UL Senior Regulatory Engineer



Independent Electrical Contractors of Greater Cincinnati 586 King's Run Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45232 Ph 513-542-0400 www.iec-cincy.com

January 27, 2020

Regina Henshaw, Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9009

RE: 2020 National Electrical Code Adoption

Dear Regina,

The Independent Electrical Contractors of Greater Cincinnati request a rule change to update the 2017 edition of NFPA 70 with the 2020 edition of NFPA 70 in accordance with ORC 3781.12.

The 2020 NEC provides numerous changes that will enhance public safety and advance new methods, materials and installation practices. It also includes important changes to rules used for certain calculations which modernize and acknowledge improvements in energy efficiency which may account for and contribute savings in the overall cost of an electrical system.

Living in a strong, technology-driven consumer world that regularly sees advancements, in said technologies, warrants regular and up-to-date standards for implementation to help ensure the safety of the end-user and their property. Updating to the 2020 NEC provides a critical and necessary step towards continued consumer health preservation and evolution of safely implementing technologies in electrical systems.

The NEC is the most widely adopted consensus Code in the world. Consensus is a key word when developing the document. The NFPA provides the document rules and governing procedures that stipulate all NEC changes have had public input and public review. Technical committee membership classifications are used to maintain balanced Code Making Panels that represent their Principal interest to ensure changes are necessary and in the best interest of public safety.

I urge the state of Ohio to adopt the 2020 NEC without delay or modifications to the document.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hittinger Executive Director

Matthew Hittinger

Independent Electrical Contractors of Greater Cincinnati



January 23, 2020

Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Rd P. O. Box 4009 Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9009

Re: Greater Cincinnati Electrical Association (GCEA) support for timely adoption of the entire "2020 NEC"

Dear Regina,

I am writing on behalf of the GCEA. The GCEA is an association that represents the interest of our members who are electrical industry companies in the greater Cincinnati area. Our mission is to provide "Quality electric service" to our community. We pursue this mission by providing on-going training, by stressing safety, and by providing a venue for communications across the different electrical company divisions necessary for a complete electrical community. GCEA membership includes electrical contractors, electrical material distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer reps, utilities, and electrical safety inspectors.

The GCEA's Board of Trustees would like to state it is in full support of the Ohio Code Coalition's petition in regards to the timely adoption of the "2020 National Electrical Code" (2020 NEC) for all electrical installations including 1, 2, and 3 – family dwellings.

Typically our members are working daily on multiple jobs in various stages of completion and having two versions of the NEC active at one time is awkward and causes an additional concern on each project. The GCEA strongly supports the alleviation of this burden on our industry.

Sincerely

Terrence J. Eibel

Executive Director, GCEA

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Ohio Board of Building Standards

6606 Tussing Rd.

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Regina Henshaw, Executive Director and esteemed members of the Board.

In response to the Ohio Board of Building Standards Stakeholder notification requesting comment to proposed updates to the Ohio Building, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, I respectfully request the OBBS include updating the NFPA 70 from the 2017 edition to the 2020 edition as part of that rule package update. This would include updating the following Sections:

4101:1-35-01 Referenced standards: (70-17 National Electrical Code) to the 70-20 National Electrical Code.

4101:2-15-01 Referenced standards: (70-17 National Electrical Code) to the 70-20 National Electrical Code.

4101:3-15-01 Referenced standards: (70-17 National Electrical Code) to the 70-20 National Electrical Code.

Updating to the 2020 NEC is a vitally important and a proactive step for the economic savings, consumer protection and the safety advancements of new electric system technology. Using and referencing the most current codes and standards is necessary for a progressive state and its citizens to keep pace with changes to technology and safety enhancements.

Up-to-date safety standards promote the use of new technology, which has immeasurable societal benefits from an economic perspective. Additionally, this helps to promote and spur new business opportunities and economic growth for Ohio and its citizens.

New requirements have been added to help communities accomplish the goal of making buildings safer, more energy efficient, and reliable in the event of disasters or emergencies. Advancement of technology requires up to-date standards for safe implementation, to ensure that the end-user can take advantage of these innovations without endangering themselves, others, or their property.

Code development includes stakeholders from all facets of society and the National Electrical Code Panels are made up of individuals who represent all interests of the manufacturing, safety, electrical, and construction industries. Their collected experience and expertise are utilized in the formation and adoption of the most current codes and standards.

The citizens of Ohio deserve and expect the best that is offered for their homes, occupations, places we work at, worship at, play and entertain. The intent of the National Electrical Code is the 'practical safeguarding of persons and property from the hazards arising from the use of electricity'.

All of the changes and new technology that we are witnessing require proper installation and safety requirements found in the most current code. They need to

be adopted and utilized for the protection of the public. We need to do all that we can to accomplish that.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Farrell III

**Assistant Chief Building Official** 

City of Toledo, Division of Building Inspection

Member of IAEI, IBEW, ICC, NFPA, OBOA

Secretary/Treasurer

Northwest Division

OHIO Chapter IAEI



National Electrical Manufacturers Association

January 29, 2020

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: NEMA Supports Adoption of 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

On behalf of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), I am writing to express support for the update of the Residential Code of Ohio from the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code® (NEC) to the 2020 edition of the NEC. For many years, Ohio has championed the standard of excellence by being one of the first states in the nation to adopt the newest edition of the NEC–putting the safety of its citizens first and prioritizing the economic well-being of its businesses and industry.

As the association representing over 325 electrical and medical imaging manufacturers that make the equipment used in a variety of sectors—electric transmission and distribution, commercial and residential buildings, water treatment and delivery, transportation, industrial processes, food, healthcare, agriculture, and manufacturing—NEMA supports regulatory action and programs that efficiently provide affordable, safe, and reliable electricity to the American public. NEMA member companies have a significant presence in the state of Ohio, representing 69 companies with 142 manufacturing and engineering facilities that support the state's economy. Member companies in Ohio collectively employ over 70,000 state residents.

NEMA has long supported timely adoption of the National Electrical Code® (NEC) by state and local jurisdictions. We maintain that prompt adoption of the most current edition of the NEC is the best way to ensure a uniform and up-to-date standard of safety for all occupants in the built environment. Current codes mean safer and more economically prosperous communities.

The NEC focuses on the proper installation of electrical systems and equipment to protect people and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity in the built environment. The code also allows for the safe use of new technologies including electric vehicle charging equipment and distributed generation such as solar photovoltaic panels.

Through adoption of the 2020 NEC, businesses today will be able to take advantage of lower infrastructure start-up and operational costs through new and improved technology. For instance, modernized rules in the 2020 NEC, used for the calculations of improvements in energy efficiency, may provide relief for the overall cost of the electrical system. Additionally, requirements relating to alternative energy continue to stay relevant so as to not become a barrier to the implementation of those technologies as they evolve.

Once again, NEMA urges the Ohio Board of Building Standards to maintain this tradition of excellence by adopting the 2020 edition of the NEC. If you have any questions, please contact Tim McClintock at <a href="mailto:Tim.McClintock@nema.org">Tim.McClintock@nema.org</a> or (303) 749-9782.

Sincerely,

Philip Squair

Vice President of Government Relations

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

January 27, 2020

Schneider Electric

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: Schneider Electric Supports the Ohio Electrical Coalition Petition to Adopt the 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code for commercial structures.

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

I am writing to inform you of Schneider Electric's support of the Ohio Electrical Coalition Petition to Adopt the 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code for Commercial Structures.

As a global specialist in energy management, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in Utilities & Infrastructures, Industrial & Machine manufacturers, Non-residential buildings, Data Centers & Networks. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, efficient, productive and green, Schneider Electric 750 plus Ohio employees are located in various offices and four manufacturing facilities across the state. We support thousands of additional direct and indirect jobs in Ohio by working with over 400 vendors and suppliers located in the state.

Schneider Electric continues to advocate for timely adoption of the National Electrical Code (NEC). The NEC focuses on the proper installation of electrical systems and equipment supporting safe electrical infrastructure installations which establishes the safe use of electricity. Our products are designed and manufactured to comply with the most current edition of the National Electrical Code. Electrical infrastructure that does not utilize the most current electrical code restricts the use of the most current technology and can be less efficient and more costly for not only Schneider Electric to manufacturer, but also for the construction industry to implement.

The adoption of the 2020 NEC will permit the construction industry to take advantage of the most cost-effective infrastructure solution and utilize emerging technological advancements while enhancing safety in commercial buildings in the state. A few of the emerging technologies include microgrids, energy efficiency in reduction in lighting calculations, and new type P cable for petrochemical installations.

Once again, Schneider Electric urges the OBBS to promptly initiate the review and adoption of the 2020 NEC for commercial structures.

Sincerely,

Don Iverson

Manager of Industry Codes & External Affairs

Schneider Electric



January 29, 2020

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: Eaton Supports Ohio Electrical Coalition Petition to update the 2017 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70 with the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

I am writing to express Eaton's support of the State of Ohio to update the 2017 edition of NFPA 70 with the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

Eaton employs over 2500 people at 8 locations in the State of Ohio and spends over \$450 million with Ohio-based businesses every year. Eaton's electrical business is a global leader with expertise in power distribution and circuit protection; backup power protection; control and automation; lighting and security; structural solutions and wiring devices; solutions for harsh and hazardous environments; and engineering services.

For many years, Ohio has championed the standard of excellence by being one of the first states in the nation to adopt the newest edition of the National Electrical Code® - putting the safety of its citizens and economic well-being of its industry first. Updating NFPA 70 makes sure communities continue to provide an acceptable level of public safety while supporting the latest technological advances, which is core to the Ohio Board of Building Standards (OBBS) mission.

Eaton has long supported timely and un-amended adoption of the National Electrical Code® (NEC) by state and local jurisdictions. We believe that adoption of the most current edition of the NEC® promotes a uniform and up-to-date standard of safety for all occupants in the built environment. Current codes produce safer and more economically prosperous communities.

Once again, Eaton urges the OBBS to maintain this tradition of excellence by adopting the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (636) 515-6083. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Arnold, P.E.

Manager of Codes & Standards



January 29, 2020

Ms. Regina Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards 6606 TUssing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: Support Adoption of 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code

Dear Ms. Hanshaw,

I am writing in support of updating the Residential Code of Ohio from the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code® (NEC) to the 2020 edition of the NEC. For many years, Ohio has been one of the first states to adopt the entire current electrical code on a regular revision schedule, demonstrating that the safety of its citizens and economic well-being of its industry is of upmost importance.

Siemens employs 1,959 people throughout Ohio who, along with their families, would be impacted by this update. There are 21 Siemens locations reporting \$611M in sales last year. Income tax paid to the state exceeds \$450k with employee wages exceeding \$226M.

Updating the National Electric Code® to the current 2020 edition with no amendments would help to keep Ohio residents safe.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

With kind regards,

Ashlev Bryant

Senior Product Manager, Electronic Circuit Breakers

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# **Exhibit B**

# Board of Building Standards Stakeholder:

On January 30, 2020, the Board received Petition 20-01 from the Ohio Electrical Coalition requesting the Board update the edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) referenced in the Ohio Building Code from the 2017 to the 2020 edition. Prior to consideration of the Petition, the Board directed staff to conduct a stakeholder meeting and education forum on the changes included in the 2020 edition and their potential impact if adopted. Representatives from the Ohio Electrical Coalition will provide an overview of the changes and respond to questions. Comments and input from stakeholders impacted by the changes will be recorded and considered by the Board's Code Committee before the Board acts on Petition 20-01.

# Stakeholder Meeting & Education Forum

The Stakeholder Meeting and Education Forum on the 2020 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) will be held on **March 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM** in Training Room 1, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. All interested stakeholders are invited to attend.

## Access to the 2020 National Electrical Code

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides free online access to the National Electrical Code (NEC) and other NFPA publications on its website. The 2020 NEC can be reviewed <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Contact Information for Comments or Questions**

If you cannot attend the above Meeting, you can submit written comments or questions on the proposed adoption of the 2020 National Electrical Code in the Ohio Building Code to the Board. You may submit your comments via email at <a href="mailto:BBS@com.state.oh.us">BBS@com.state.oh.us</a> or U.S. Mail at Ohio Board of Building Standards, 6606 Tussing Rd, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, Attn: Regina Hanshaw by March 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

Regina S. Hanshaw Executive Secretary Ohio Board of Building Standards



Mike DeWine, Governor

# Board of Building Standards Stakeholder:

You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which require state agencies, including the Ohio Board of Building Standards (Board), to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community, and provide opportunity for the affected public to provide input on the rules.

On January 30, 2020, the Board received Petition 20-01 from the Ohio Electrical Coalition requesting the Board update the edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) referenced in the Ohio Building, Plumbing & Mechanical Codes from the 2017 to the 2020 edition. On March 9, 2020, prior to consideration of the Petition, the Board conducted a stakeholder meeting and education forum on the changes included in the 2020 edition and their potential impact if adopted. Representatives from the Ohio Electrical Coalition provided an overview of the changes and responded to questions.

At its meeting on August 20, 2021, the Board approved Petition 20-01 with an amendment noted in rules 4101:1-35-01, 4101:2-15-01, and 4101:3-15-01 to NFPA 70 Article 210.8(F) to exempt certain HVAC equipment from GFCI requirements of this article.

## **Stakeholder Comments or Questions**

Please submit any written comments or questions regarding the proposed rules via email at BBS@com.state.oh.us or U.S. Mail at Ohio Board of Building Standards, 6606 Tussing Rd, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, Attn: Regina Hanshaw by September 15, 2021.

## **Overview of Proposed Rules**

#### Proposed Ohio Building Code Rule

The Board proposes to amend the Ohio Administrative Code as follows: 4101:1-35-01 to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

# Proposed Ohio Mechanical Code Rule

The Board proposes to amend the Ohio Administrative Code as follows: 4101:2-15-01 to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

#### Proposed Ohio Plumbing Code Rule

The Board proposes to amend the Ohio Administrative Code as follows: 4101:3-15-01 to update the code to reference the 2020 edition of the NFPA 70 with an additional exception added to 210.8(F) exempting HVAC units employing power conversion equipment (variable speed drive) as a means to control compressor speed.

These proposed rules can be viewed here: BBS Proposed Rules

Regina S. Hanshaw **Executive Secretary** 

# Hanshaw, Regina

From: tmoore1767@aol.com

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:40 PM

To: Hanshaw, Regina

**Cc:** Timmcclintock@gmail.com; adam@anrelectricco.com

**Subject:** Fwd: OBBS Code Committee Meeting

Attachments: 0602DB2001 Arc Energy Reduction Procedure for PowerPact Circuit Breakers.pdf; Proposal- Tom

Moore.pdf; OBBS Code Committee 5-28-2020-L027.pdf

## Hello Regina,

Thanks again for inviting us to the OBBS Code Committee meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We thought the meeting was productive with excellent discussion and questions. Per your request, please find attached a copy of the cost impact proposal prepared by ANR Electric in Akron, Ohio for the mixed occupancy building. Additionally, included is the PPT presentation. The quote and the PPT have both been updated to reflect that the original building design included Type 1 surge protection in the main 3000 ampere service and the quote reflects optional Type 2 surge protection for each of the 88 dwelling unit panelboards.

During the meeting, one of the Board Members raised the question on the potential cost impact of complying with new Section 240.87(C), which requires performance testing for circuit breakers that are rated or can be adjusted is 1200 amperes or higher. While this requirement did not impact the case study, it was a very good question and we have conducted further research on this topic that we would like to share with you. The issue raised and cost associated therewith relates to testing on the primary side. Upon further review of the applicable code section, NFPA 70 does permit "another approved method." Accordingly, there are test methods that employ testing on the secondary side of the system and consultation with manufacturers have revealed their recommendation for these is for secondary current injection which is much more cost effective than primary current injection. Also included with this new section is the requirement for the testing to be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, which aligns with their recommendations. Attached you'll find a sample from Schneider Electric providing guidance on testing to meet this new requirement. Additionally, below is an excerpt from a white paper currently under development by Eaton:

# **Performance testing**

Checking your work is an important part of the electrical industry and Arc Energy Reduction protection systems are no different. In order to achieve full compliance with this requirement in NEC® 240.67 or 240.87, the system must undergo performance testing in order to verify a safe environment to those authorized to design, install, operate, or inspect the installation as to the location of the equipment. One means specifically called out in the code as an approved means of performance testing is Primary Current Injection.



Figure 1 - Eaton MTK200 Trip Unit Test Kit for Secondary Current Injection

Figure 2- Phenix HC-75C for Primary Current Injection

This method of testing introduces a sequence of fault and overload currents through the system while recording the clearing time of the equipment. It is typical to introduce the fault and overload currents simultaneously to each of the three poles of the tested equipment. It is important to have a qualified professional conduct this performance testing for the Arc Energy Reduction protection system as it is possible to damage the equipment during the testing process. Eaton provides a range of services for field performance testing including Primary Current Injection for 240.67, 240.87, and the ground-fault

protection of equipment performance testing required in Article 230.95 through the Eaton Electrical Services and Systems division.

However, the NEC® does allow for other approved methods alternative to Primary Current Injection to provide Performance Testing to the installation falling under the purview of Articles 240.67 and 240.87. Secondary Current Injection is a highly recommended alternative means of satisfying this requirement. Secondary Current Injection is more portable and much less power demanding in order to operate as it only requires a 120V source to conduct the procedure. With the nature of certain equipment like fuses, Secondary Current Injection is the preferred method of testing as it is less likely to cause damage or activate the device itself possibly causing the need to replace the equipment. Both Primary Current Injection and Secondary Current Injection Performance Testing can be achieved by contacting the Eaton Electrical Services and Systems Division @ Eaton.com/services.

Thanks again and please advise on what the next steps will be and potential adoption timeline. Best regards,

Tom Moore

Tim McClintock

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# Ohio Board of Building Standards Code Committee Meeting

May 28, 2020

- Review of 2020 NEC Cost Impact Analysis
- Questions/Discussion

# Cost Impact Analysis

# 2020 Edition of NFPA 70

- Introduces important changes that not only advance new methods, materials and installation practices for safely distributing electrical power and safe interaction with electrical systems, but also changes to rules used for calculations to modernize and reflect improvements in energy efficiency which may provide relief on the overall cost of the electrical system.
- Design of a building and incorporation of optional elements will impact the overall cost of a project.

# **Cost Impact Analysis**

The OBBS statement of fiscal analysis generally has stated in the past:

"Due to the variance in allowed building designs, it is nearly impossible to ascertain whether there would be an increase or decrease in the design cost of a building as a result of this proposed rule change."

Source: OBBS Code Scoring Report

# Cost Impact Case Study – MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

## CODE INFORMATION:

 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CODE: OHIO BUILDING CODE (OBC) - NOVEMBER 2017, LAST REVISED AUGUST 2018

BASIC ASSUMPTION
 NEW BUILDING FULLY SPRINKLED PER CHAPTER 9

3. USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION (CHAPTER 3)

PROPOSED OCCUPANCY: NON-SEPARATED USE GROUPS

- R-2 (APARTMENTS)

- B (OFFICE TENANT)

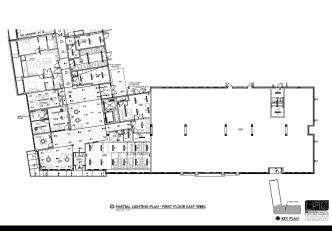
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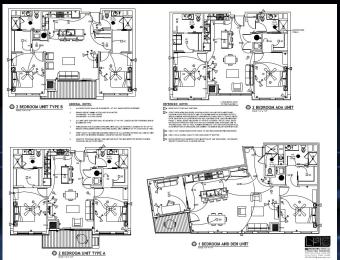
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	Floors						Unit Areas		
Unit Types	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	%		Rentable	Total Rentable
Studios	1	6	6	6	19	21.6%		535 sf	10,165 sf
1 Bedroom	7	15	15	15	52	59.1%		698 sf	36,296 sf
2 Bedroom A	3	3	3	3	12	13.6%		1,033 sf	12,396 sf
2 Bedroom B		1	1	1	3	3.4%		1,037 sf	3,111 sf
1 Bedroom & Den		1	1		2	2.3%		1,217 sf	2,434 sf
Total Units	11	26	26	25	88		_	9	64,402 sf
Net Rentable Area*	8,520 sf	19,033 sf	19,033 sf	17,816 sf	64,402 sf				
Ground Floor Leasable Area	6,472 sf				6,472 sf			2	
Total Leasable + Net Rentable Area	14,992 sf	19,033 sf	19,033 sf	17,816 sf	70,874 sf				
TOTAL GROSS BUILDING AREA**	22,724 sf	23,235 sf	23,235 sf	22,893 sf	92,087 sf	§ 1			5



# Cost Impact Case Study – MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT





#### Summary of Changes 2020 NEC Mixed Use Project

Purpose: The following information is to assist in the design of and cost analysis of plans developed based on the 2020 NEC vs 2017 NEC. The SOC can also assist in additional cost analysis although those 2020 analysis as presented herein are directly related to this project.

2020 NEC Section	2017 NEC Section	soc	Resulting Factor	Comments
*Table 220.12	Table 220.12	Reduction in general lighting load vg/ft to update unit values to reflect current luminaire power consumption.	2017 NEC 3.5 ya/ft *2020 NEC 1.3 ya/ft	This should result in smalle sizing of components throughout electrical system service.
New 230.67		Requires Surge protection for all dwelling units.	Requires SPD Type 1 at service location or Type 2 downstream panels of dwelling units.	Plans indicate SPD located in MDP. No need to include under the 2017 estimate.
210.8(A)	210.8(A)	Increases threshold of 125- volt, single phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacle GFCI protection to 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles in designated locations for dwelling units.	Will require additional GFCI protection for 240- volt receptacles in those areas under 210.8(A).	Affected areas could consist o ranges and dryers.
210.52(C)(2)	210.52(C)(2)	Revised to determine the minimum number of receptacles for island and peninsula counter tops based on a square footage calculation.	Additional island receptacles may need to be added depending upon the square footage.	Include additional receptacles where applicable.
314.27(C)	New	Requires outlet boxes installed in ceilings of habitable rooms where fans could be installed indwelling occupancies must be listed for the sole support of ceiling-suspended paddle fans or other type boxes in 314.27 where structurally supported.	Requires fan boxes where applicable.	Will need to include additional cost for fan approved boxes.



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			05/27/202
FROM: ANR Electric LLC 3783 State Road Akron, Ohio 44319			
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR	: C/O Tom Moore		
Mixed Use Cleveland, OH			
	2/30/2019. Additional	price based on th	erenced project. Our proposal is based on e 2020 National Electric Code. Extras include
	Total Price:	\$827,640	- Base Bid (provided by others)
		The second	
	Extras:	\$14,784-	SPDs (optional method)
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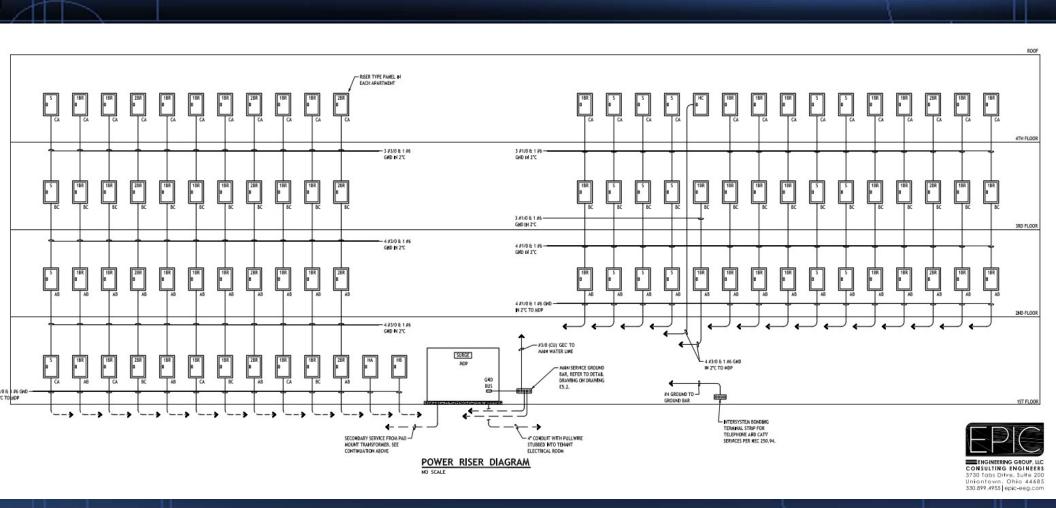
#### 230.67(B) Location.

The SPD shall be an integral part of the service equipment or shall be located immediately adjacent thereto.

Exception: The SPD shall not be required to be located in the service equipment as required in (B) if located at each next level distribution equipment downstream toward the load.

A Type 1 SPD for a 3000-amp service costs is \$3000 or less, not including labor. Labor would only include installation of one device vs 88. Included in this quote is a design option for a Type 2 SPD at each dwelling unit panelboard.

Design option for SPD at the service could translate to additional savings: \$14,784 - \$3,000 = \$11,784 savings



# Ohio Board of Building Standards Code Committee Meeting

May 28, 2020

Questions/Discussion



## **PROPOSAL**

05/27/2020

FROM: ANR Electric LLC 3783 State Road Akron, Ohio 44319

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR:

C/O Tom Moore

Mixed Use Cleveland, OH

Thank you for the opportunity to prepare a proposal for the above referenced project. Our proposal is based on plans and specifications date 12/30/2019. Additional price based on the 2020 National Electric Code. Extras include the cost of the extra material/labor minus base costs.

**Total Price:** \$827,640- Base Bid (provided by others)

Extras: \$14,784- SPDs (optional method)

\$2,592- Range GFCI \$11,757- Dryer GFCI

\$11,050- Island Receptacles

\$1,252- Fan Boxes

(\$7,520)- Lighting Load Reduction

#### Proposal Inclusions by NEC section:

- 230.67- Requires SPD, Type 2 at dwelling unit panels (Type 1 included in base bid)
- 210.8(A)- Range and Dryer GFCI protection
- 210.52 (C) (2)- Additional Island Receptacles
- 314.27 (C)- Required Fan Boxes

#### **Proposal Exclusions:**

- LV Cable, Equipment & Terminations, Low voltage transformers, Low Voltage, Security & Cameras
- Any Concrete or Asphalt Cutting/Patching by others
- Utility Company fees

Acceptance of Proposal: If the above prices and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted, please sign and return.

Acceptance of Proposal Signature:	Date of Acceptance:
Acceptance of Proposal Print Name:	



Authorized Signature: Adam Maimone

Printed Name: Adam Maimone Title: Commercial Service Manager

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the proposal. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by workmen's compensation insurance. Payment terms are net due upon receipt. A late payment charge at the rate of 2% per month on accounts outstanding commencing from completion of work. This contract is subject to credit approval. Proposal void after 30 days. Proposals are subject to material price escalation clause if quoted price exceeds 5% after proposal date.

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# Arc Energy Reduction Procedure for PowerPact Circuit Breakers Using FFTK (Full-Function Test Kit)

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**User Guide** 

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Addendum to Field Testing and Maintenance Guide 0600IB1201



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# **Maintenance Switch Testing Procedures**

**Table 1 - Maintenance Switch Testing Procedures—Simplified Table** 

	ERMS Energy Reducing Maintenance Setting	MMS¹ Maintenance Mode Setting	Instantaneous Trip Adjustment	
Products Offered	PowerPact P PowerPact R MasterPact NT MasterPact NW	PowerPact P PowerPact R	PowerPact P PowerPact R MasterPact NT MasterPact NW	
Trip Units	5.0P, 6.0P 5.0H, 6.0H	5.0A, 6.0A 5.0P, 6.0P 5.0H, 6.0H	ET1.0 All 3.0, 5.0, 6.0	
Needed for Testing	Minimum available arcing current FFTK	Minimum available arcing current FFTK M2CTEST Jumper Wire	Minimum available arcing current FFTK	
Control Power	Must be applied to IO Module and ERMS Switch	For 5.0A and 6.0A trip units 24 Vdc must be applied to terminals F1 (-) and F2 (+). The 24 Vdc is not necessary for the P and H trip units.	None	
Ground Fault Jumper applied	_	For 6.0 trip units, install jumper wire between M1 and F1/T4 terminals.	_	
Test Device	FFTK	FFTK + M2CTEST Adapter	FFTK	
Device parameters	Some fields are pre-populated	Manually Enter	Some fields are pre-populated	
Test Value	Minimum available arcing current	Minimum available arcing current	Minimum available arcing current	
Test	Manually Test Trip Curve	Manually Test Trip Curve Enter 5.0 for 6.0 trip units.	Manually Test Trip Curve	
Trip Curve Test Mode	Instantaneous	Short Time	Instantaneous	
Passing Result	< 50 ms with ERMS ON	< 80 ms with MMS ON	< 50 ms	
Reset Trip Unit Alarm	Press button on top right corner to clear trip unit fault indicator.	Press button on top right corner to clear trip unit fault indicator.	Press button on top right corner to clear trip unit fault indicator.	
Additional Test	Switch ERMS OFF and complete the same test.	Switch MMS OFF and complete the same test.	_	
Clear trip unit fault on trip unit.		Remove jumper from 6.0 trip unit (ground fault). Clear trip unit fault on trip unit.	Clear trip unit fault on trip unit.	

<sup>1.</sup> Same test procedure as used for AMS,(Alternate Maintenance Setting), which is no longer available.

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## **Safety Requirements**

## **AADANGER**

## HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION, OR ARC FLASH

- Apply appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow safe electrical work practices. See NFPA 70E, CSA Z462, NOM 029-STPS, or local equivalent.
- This equipment must only be installed and serviced by qualified electrical personnel.
- Unless specified otherwise in the commissioning procedures, all operations (inspection, test, and preventive maintenance) must be carried out with the device, the cradle, and the auxiliary circuits de-energized.
- Check that the device and the cradle are de-energized on the upstream and downstream terminals.
- Always use a properly rated voltage sensing device to confirm that the device, the cradle, and the auxiliary circuits are de-energized.
- Install safety barriers and display a danger sign.
- During the tests, it is strictly forbidden for anyone to touch the device, the cradle, or the conductors while voltage is applied.
- Before putting the equipment back into operation, it is mandatory to check that
  all connections are made with the correct tightening torque, there are no tools or
  objects inside the equipment, all devices, doors, and protective covers are in
  position, and the device is off (open position).

Failure to follow these instructions will result in death or serious injury.

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# **ERMS Testing**

## **ERMS Tripping Test Requirements**

The system should be tested upon initial start-up and:

- · in accordance with your facility maintenance schedule.
- · if any of the components in the system are replaced.
- · if any work is done in the area of the system wiring.
- · if required per installation requirements.

## **ERMS Tripping Test Necessary Tools**

The following is needed to perform a tripping test (order separately).

S33595 Full-Function Test Kit (FFTK)

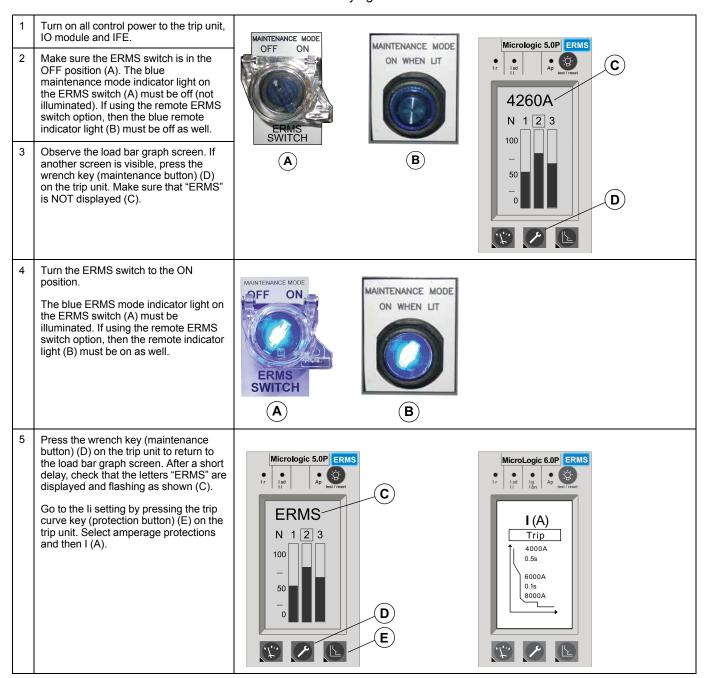
## **ERMS Full-Function Test Kit (FFTK) Setup**

See the Full Function Test Kit (FFTK) Instruction Bulletin for information on operation of the test kit.

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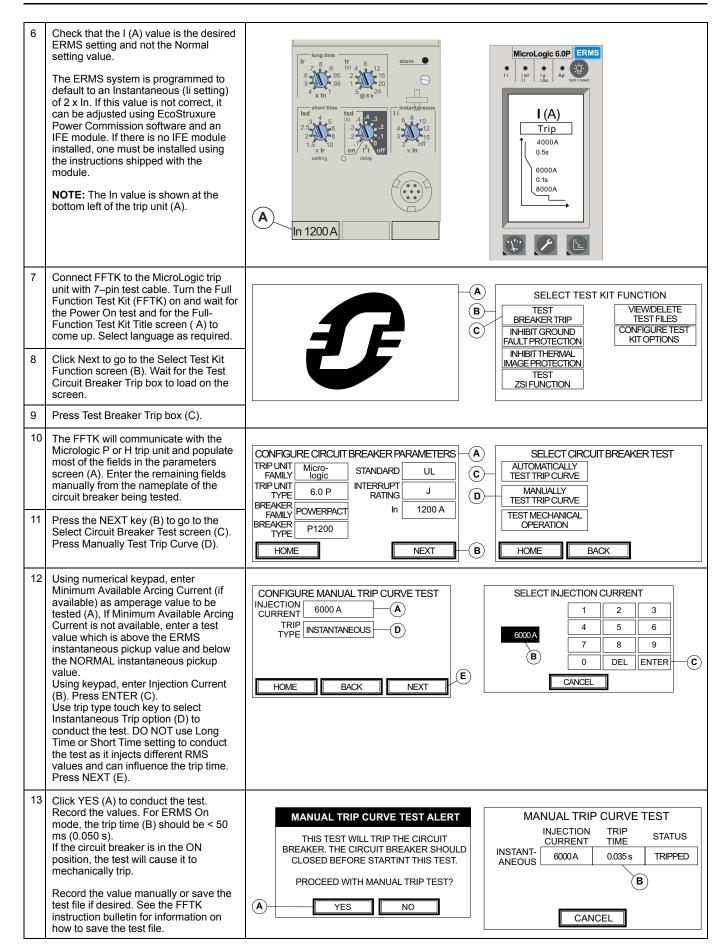
## **Energy Reduction Maintenance Setting (ERMS) Tripping Test**

**NOTE:** The circuit breaker Energy Reduction Maintenance Setting (ERMS) instantaneous tripping can be tested with the circuit breaker Open or Closed. If the circuit breaker is closed, make sure all downstream loads are off. The circuit breaker cannot be carrying current for this test to be accurate.

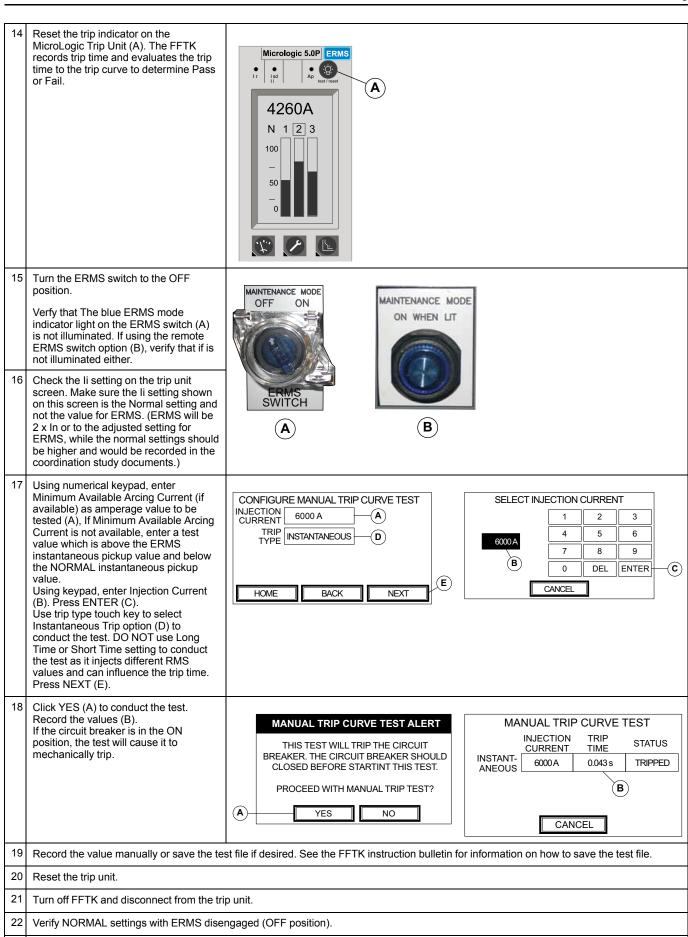


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Turn off all control power to the trip unit, IO module and IFE

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# **MMS Testing**

## **MMS Tripping Test Requirements**

The system should be tested upon initial start-up and:

- in accordance with your facility maintenance schedule.
- if any of the components in the system are replaced.
- if any work is done in the area of the system wiring.

## **Tripping Test Necessary Tools**

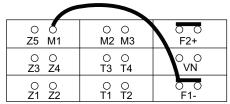
The following is needed to perform a tripping test (order separately).

- S33595 Full-Function Test Kit (FFTK)
- M2CTEST Special Tool Adapter for Full-Function Test Kit

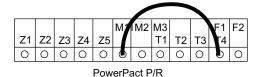
## **Before Testing Maintenance Mode Switch (MMS)**

**NOTE:** For MicroLogic<sup>™</sup> A trip units, 24 Vdc power must be available at F1(-) and F2(+) of the trip unit. The 24 Vdc power is not necessary for MicroLogic P and H trip units.

- Complete the testing of the Maintenance Mode Switch (MMS) system wiring and indicator lights.
- 2. Verify that the MMS switch is in the OFF position.
- 3. If testing a MicroLogic 6.0 trip unit, install a jumper between trip unit terminals M1 and F1. This will assure that the residual ground-fault function will not interfere with this test.







**NOTE:** On MDGF or SGR systems, the normal system wiring makes this M1 to F1 connection internally without the use of a jumper.

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## **Full-Function Test Kit Connections**

**NOTE:** The M2CTEST special adapter disables communication between the FFTK and MicroLogic A, P and H trip units so that some of the normal FFTK functions are intentionally disabled. These include:

- Trip unit parameter automatic population (trip unit type and In)
- Inhibit functions (thermal imaging and ground-fault)
- ZSI test
- Powering the trip unit

When using the M2CTEST special adapter, all advanced protections, logging of trips, logging of alarms, activation of alarms and incrementing the contact wear counter are enabled during the secondary injection test.

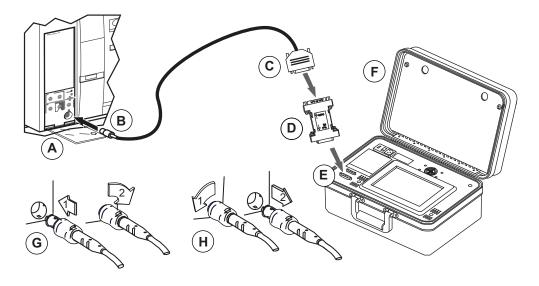
## **NOTICE**

#### **HAZARD OF EQUIPMENT DAMAGE**

Pins on seven-pin test cable connector can bend or break if forced. Avoid using excessive force when connecting to trip unit test ports.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in equipment damage.

- A. Trip Unit
- B. Full-Function Test Kit Cable
- C. Ten Pin Test Cable Connector
- D. M2C Test Adapter Tool
- E. Ten Pin Port
- F. Full Function Test Kit
- G. Plugging in the 7-Pin Connector
- H. Unplugging the 7-Pin Connector



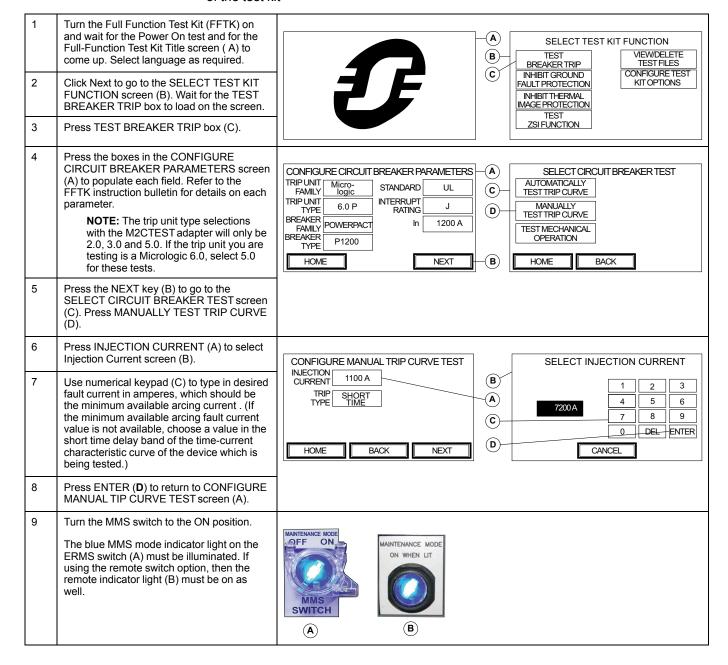
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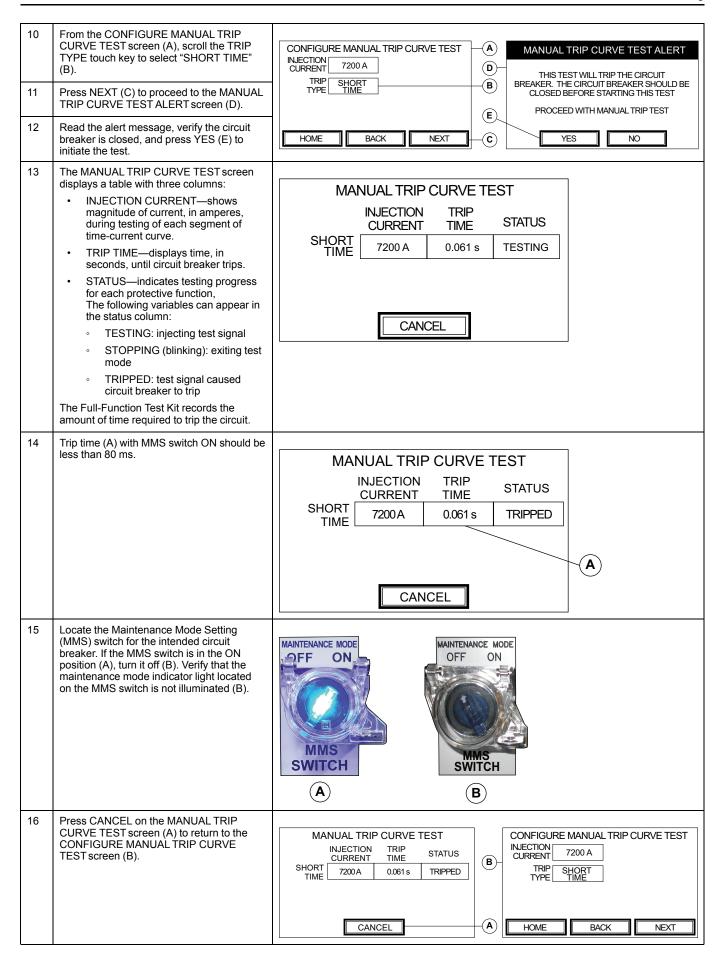
## **Maintenance Mode Switch (MMS) Testing**

**NOTE:** This test allows manual current injection values regardless of trip unit settings. The Full-Function Test Kit monitors and displays trip time associated with selected current. Trip times reported by the Full-Function Test Kit must be manually compared to a published trip unit time-current curve for the trip unit being tested. Based on the trip unit settings, select an injection current that is just above the short time pickup (lsd) trip curve pickup point. This will assure that sufficient current is injected to allow the trip unit to trip in the short time delay (Tsd) tripping curve.

See the Full-Function Test Kit (FFTK) Instruction Bulletin for information on operation of the test kit

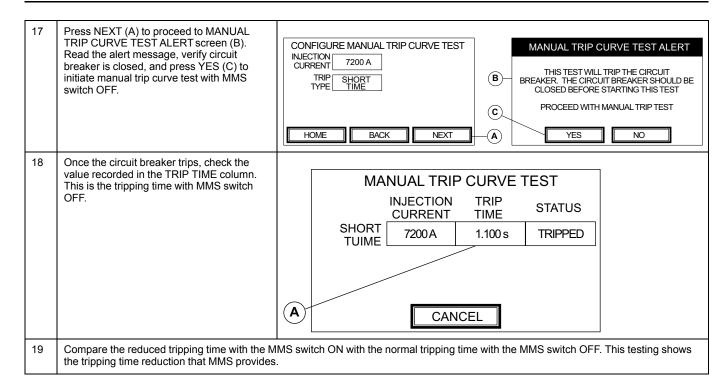


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## **Remove Trip Unit Jumper**

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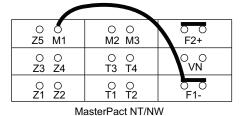
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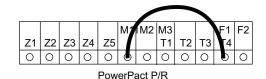
Leaving the jumper installed between M1 and F1 will result in the circuit breaker no longer providing residual ground-fault protection

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.

If a jumper was installed between terminals M1 and F1 before testing (see *Before Testing Maintenance Mode Switch (MMS)*, page 11), remove the jumper now. If a jumper was installed and is not removed after testing, the circuit breaker will not provide residual ground-fault protection.

**NOTE:** On MDGF or SGR systems, the normal system wiring makes the M1 to F1 connection internally without the use of a jumper.





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# **Instantaneous Trip Testing**

## **Tripping Test Necessary Tools**

The following is needed to perform a tripping test (order separately).

S33595 Full-Function Test Kit (FFTK)

## **Full-Function Test Kit Connection**

## **NOTICE**

#### **HAZARD OF EQUIPMENT DAMAGE**

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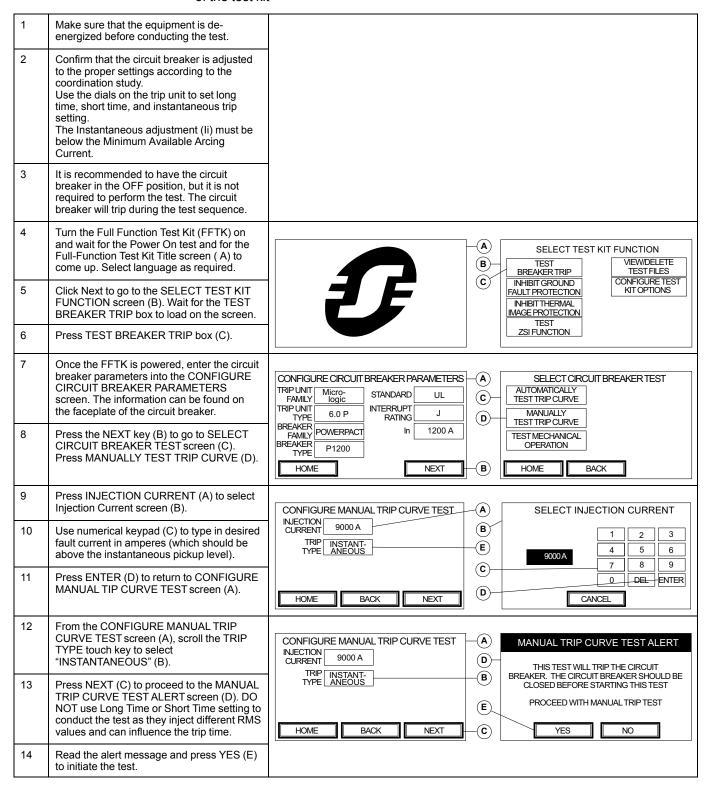
Failure to follow these instructions can result in equipment damage.

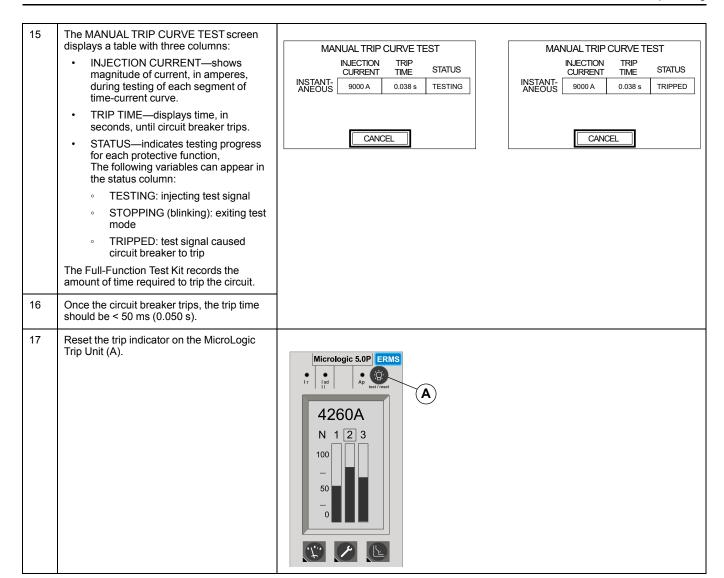
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## **Instantaneous Testing**

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#### Hello Regina,

Thanks again for the invitation to present key top changes to the 2020 edition of NFPA 70. As discussed, concerns related to GFCI interoperability were raised with some of the Committee Members and the response thereto was NEMA published a fact sheet wherein field studies were conducted across the country last year and revealed that key installation issues were the contributing factor and not interoperability issues. Please find attached the fact sheet and slide deck we presented for distribution.

In addition to concerns with GFCI interoperability, Committee Members also expressed concerns with their lack of knowledge in the electrical code and suggested they would need to reach out for input from their own electricians to seek feedback on the proposed adoption.

The National Fire Protection Association process used to revise and develop requirements in NFPA 70 is open, transparent, balanced and affords due process to those who participate. NFPA's codes and standards development process is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the body that coordinates the activities of Standard Development Organizations in the US. This process brings together over 500 volunteers, representing electrical contractors, designers, inspectors, and manufacturers; electrical testing laboratories, electrical suppliers, and utilities; as well as enforcing authorities, insurance organizations, labor, and other users. The balanced committees of subject matter experts (Code-Making Panels) review and act on input from the public with the singular focus of ensuring safe electrical installations. Each new edition of NFPA 70 is built on the solid legacy established by preceding editions and contains new and revised requirements that enable designers, installers, manufacturers, testing organizations, enforcers and others to meet the consumers' expectation of a safe electrical system.

Many of the volunteers involved in the NEC development process you know well. They are representatives of the National Electrical Contractors Association; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the International Association of Electrical Inspectors; the National Association of Homebuilders; the Independent Electrical Contractors; and many others representing a broad cross section of interests and expertise.

The State of Ohio has understood the value of this process for well over 50-years and recognized timely adoption and implementation has set the benchmark for electrical safety for Ohio citizens.

Looking at the timeline over the past year, we were notified in January that the OBBS was changing their stakeholder input process – in the past, stakeholder meetings would occur AFTER the OBBS initiated the rule update process. The revised process (utilizing NFPA 70 as the pilot) implemented last year, sought stakeholder input BEFORE any draft rules were presented. Consequently, a

stakeholder meeting was held on March 9, 2020 and included an in-depth review of significant changes. There was a lot of good discussion/questions and consensus at the conclusion of the meeting was the OBBS should proceed with updating the standard. I don't recall if all the Code Committee Members were in attendance, but this meeting would have been a great opportunity for the Board to extend invitations to their industry associates, including their electricians. Just appears like there was a missed opportunity.

Regarding Ohio's history with adoption of the NFPA 70, Ohio has always been at the forefront of electrical safety with timely adoption. Looking back at advances in electrical technology, it has been nothing short of amazing. We can all agree that interaction with and dependence on electrical systems in buildings today is more now than ever. Timely updates to NFPA 70 will ensure Ohio keeps in lockstep with the technological advances we see in the electrical infrastructure today.

From a nationwide perspective, we mentioned during the meeting there were ten states that have completed their adoption of the 2020 edition of NFPA 70. We missed one state – there are eleven now and forgot to mention there are also ten more that have commenced adoption proceedings. So several states have either completed or have commence adoption of the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

In closing, our understanding is there are different paths on how adoption may occur. As representatives of the Ohio Electrical Coalition and residents of the State Ohio, we urge the OBBS to move forward with timely adoption of the 2020 NFPA 70 without amendment. It is our hope that the OBBS will continue to move forward by providing Ohio citizens with the appropriate level of safety outlined in the 2020 edition of NFPA 70.

Sincerely,

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## 250 Volt Two-Pole GFCI Fact Sheet

**April 2021** 

## Introduction

New requirements for ground-fault circuit interrupter protection circuit breakers (GFCIs) in the 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) provide expanded protection for consumers across a range of uses and occupancies. First introduced in the early 1970s, the continued expansion of GFCIs into more areas in homes and workplaces tracks directly with reductions in electrocutions and electric shock accidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Unfortunately, too many times tragedy strikes before we see improvements to the code. Substantiation submitted for the 2020 NEC revision process included several incidents where fatalities occurred.

Access to the 2020 NEC archived revision information is provided through <a href="www.nfpa.org/70">www.nfpa.org/70</a>, which contains the historical record of public inputs, public comments, draft language developed by the NEC Technical Committee, and final version of code language. The record reveals that four fatalities were submitted to the Technical Committee to substantiate the need to expand this safety technology for these types of appliances.

The GFCI expansions, which were approved after extensive review and deliberation among stakeholder organizations and individuals, reflect the single-minded purpose of making electrical systems safer in places where we live, work and play.

## **GFCI Field Testing**

Field tests of GFCIs revealed situations that, under the right circumstances, could have resulted in additional fatalities.

Proper grounding and bonding as required by the NEC and manufacturer's instructions is one of the key safety components of electrical systems. Improper installation creates safety risks. The field test data indicated that the majority of problems stemmed from faulty bonding connections. GFCIs installed at these locations have functioned correctly and prevented further incidents:

## Stoves/Ranges

Two-pole GFCI circuit breakers were provided to homeowners for installation on these circuits. The trial covered several brands of stoves and ranges: KitchenAid, Frigidaire, GE, Whirlpool, Kenmore, and Maytag. The following issues were discovered in approximately 20% of devices.

#### 1. Miswiring

- The grounded (neutral) conductor to frame bonding jumper was not removed when the appliance is being supplied by a 4-wire cord set.
- The grounded (neutral) conductor to frame bonding jumper was not installed when the appliance is being supplied by 3-wire cord set.

#### 2. Potential hazard

 One issue occurred in which the lower element was in the process of failing and was starting to leak current to the frame of the appliance.

#### **Electric Clothes Dryers**

Two-pole GFCI circuit breakers were provided to homeowners for installation on these circuits in the following brands of electric clothes dryers: Whirlpool, Amana, Maytag, LG, GE, and Kenmore. The following problem was noted in approximately 15% of devices.

#### 1. Miswiring

• The grounded (neutral) conductor to frame bonding jumper was not removed when supplied by a 4-wire cord set.

#### AC Condenser /Heat pump

Two-pole GFCI circuit breakers were provided to homeowners for installation on these circuits in the following brands of AC condensers and heat pumps: Rheem, Bryant, Carrier, American Standard, Trane, Comfortmaker, Lennox, IPC, Unitary Products, Heil, Ruud, and Amana. Roughly 13% of devices experienced the following.

#### 1. Miswiring

- The grounded (neutral) conductor was improperly bonded in the appliance disconnecting means and/or junction boxes.
- No equipment grounding conductor installed or provided to bond the frame of AC condenser.

#### 2. Potential hazard

• Breakdown in branch circuit supply conductor insulation resulting in a ground fault from the ungrounded conductor to the AC condenser frame.

#### Conclusion

The findings from installation of two-pole GFCI circuit breakers in existing homes found no interoperability issues but *did* identify a key installation issue with appliances that were installed on 4-wire systems without proper adherence to the manufacturer's instructions and the NEC. In short, the assertion that wiring errors associated with the fatality that motivated the NFPA's inclusion of two-pole GFCI requirements on outdoor outlets into the code are not common is *false*. When GFCI tripping occurred, it was related to grounding and wiring issues, not interoperability concerns between the outdoor AC unit and the GFCI.

GFCIs are fully compatible with ranges, stoves, electrical clothes dryers, and AC condensers/heat pumps when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the National Electrical Code. They can be relied upon to de-energize the branch circuit when the appliance is improperly wired or when the appliance has a defective component.

GFCI circuit breakers have a nearly 50-year record of protection against shock and electrocution since becoming a requirement for receptacle outlets near swimming pools in the 1971 National Electrical Code. Subsequent editions of the NEC have expanded GFCI protection to other areas and appliances of a dwelling where shock and electrocution hazards may exist.

The purpose of the National Electrical Code is the practice safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity. GFCI protection of the branch circuits and outlets as required in the 2020 NEC is essential to upholding this commitment to electrical safety.

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Subject: RE: Adoption of New code

Attached is report on issue and below is the text from Texas:

On Tuesday, May 18, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation held an emergency meeting in response to an imminent threat to public health and safety. It has been found that compliance with Section 210.8(F) of the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) can interfere with the proper functioning of certain types of air conditioning and heating systems. With summer heat approaching in Texas, failed or malfunctioning air-conditioning systems can pose a danger to public health and safety.

To help alleviate this threat, the Commission voted to amend rules in the Electricians and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors programs to delay the effective date of Section 210.8(F) of the 2020 NEC until January 1, 2023.

"There's a large and growing concern from air conditioning and refrigeration stakeholders, supported by anecdotal and empirical evidence, that adding GFCI protection to air conditioning and heat pump equipment that uses DC Inverter technology can cause repeated tripping of the circuit protection, making the systems effectively inoperable," said William Weatherly, TDLR Program Chief and Chief Inspector for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. "To protect public health and safety, agency staff took quick action to have this issue reviewed by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation."

Specifically, the rules amended were 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 73, §73.100 in the Electricians program rules, and 16 TAC, Chapter 75, §75.100 in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors rules.

The amendments are effective **May 20, 2021** and expire in 120 days, unless renewed by the Commission. TDLR has begun working on non-emergency rulemaking to implement this change on a permanent basis.

## What does Section 210.8(F) of the 2020 NEC do?

Section 210.8(F) of the 2020 NEC requires that certain outdoor outlets for dwellings supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts to ground or less, 50 amperes or less, have ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) protection. The emergency rules adopted by the Commission would remove this requirement until January 1, 2023.

## Why is this change being made?

There have been widespread reports of certain types of air conditioning units connected to a GFCI device not being compatible with the GFCI protection, which

causes the GFCI device to trip. This incompatibility poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of all Texans who rely on air conditioning, especially during the summer months.

# What does this change mean for electricians and air conditioning and refrigeration contractors?

Beginning May 20, 2021, neither electrical contractors nor air conditioning and refrigeration contractors will be required to comply with the requirement of Section 210.8(F) of GFCI protection for certain outdoor outlets until January 1, 2023. A code-compliant installation, with emphasis on a proper bonding of the equipment to the equipment grounding conductor and to the electrical grounding system, will ensure electrical safety for fault conditions, even when terminated to a normal overcurrent protection device.

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The current OBC is based on the 2015 IBC with Ohio amendments. The Board recently approved updating the NFPA 70 reference in the OBC from the 2017 to 2020 edition, however, we still must go through the rule adoption process so the 2020 NEC will not likely be effective until on or about January 2022. We do not have current plans to update the full OBC to a newer edition of the IBC.

The current RCO is based on the 2018 IRC with Ohio amendments. The Board has not considered updating the NFPA 70 reference in the RCO so it remains the 2017 NEC. We do not have current plans to update the full RCO to the a newer edition of the IRC.

Has far as the GFCI affecting HVAC equipment, please pass on any information you have regarding the issue so the Board may take it into consideration when reviewing adopting the 2020 NEC for 1-, 2-, 3-family.

Thanks,

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Any idea when a new code is planned?

We are hearing issues with the 2020 NEC/NFPA 70 as referenced in the new IRC 2021.

New NEC requires a GFCI on outlets for 50 amps or less. This is causing significant issues with HVAC equipment functioning.

Have you heard about this?

Thanks for the info.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The 2020 National Electric Code (NEC) / NFPA 70 is referenced by Chapter 27 of the 2021 International Building Code (IBC) and Chapter 34 of the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC). Because states have recently adopted or are now beginning to adopt and implement the 2021 editions of the ICC codes or adopt the NEC every 3-years independently, a concerning issue has recently come to light.

The 2020 NEC requires outdoor GFCI outlets for 50 Amps or less be installed. These GFCI outlets are causing significant issues for HVAC equipment to remain operational. Despite the substantial effort at the individual company level to identify the cause of the problem and solutions to resolve the issue(s), it may also be necessary to work at the state level to amend the NEC code requirement. Below is a summary report of states that have or will be adopting the 2020 NEC into their code.

#### **CURRENT 2020 NEC ADOPTION**

The following states have adopted the 2020 NEC:

Colorado Georgia Iowa Massachusetts (GFCI req. removed)

Minnesota North Dakota Oregon South Dakota

Texas Washington Wyoming

The following states vary by jurisdiction:

Arizona Mississippi Missouri

To date Arizona's major jurisdictions: Phoenix, Tucson, Mesa have no plans to update to 2021 I-codes or 2020 NEC.

#### **UPCOMING UPDATES TO 2020 NEC**

# The following states are currently on the 2017 NEC and may be updating to the 2020 NEC in the near future:

Alaska Arkansas California Connecticut Florida Hawaii Idaho Kentucky New Hampshire Maine Michigan Nebraska New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina Ohio Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Utah Vermont West Virginia Wisconsin

Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont are all in process of updating to the 2020 NEC. Idaho and Utah have a tentative adoption date of July 1, 2021.

Connecticut – Review will begin April 2021 and is planned to be completed October 2021. Code change proposals are accepted through May 31, 2021. Click this link for more information.

Idaho – The Idaho Electrical Board was petitioned to enter negotiated rulemaking to adopt the 2020 NEC. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021. The board contact is Renee Bryant (208) 332-7137.

Florida – The FL code update is beginning to update to 2021 I-Code language. Comments can be sent submitted May 17 – July 1, 2021 and then revised language modifications can be submitted January 1 -February 15, 2022.

Maine – The Electricians' Examining Board's current intent is to adopt and make effective the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC), Board Rules, Chapter 120, no sooner than May 31, 2021. Code staff can be reached at <a href="mailto:electrician.code@maine.gov">electrician.code@maine.gov</a> or (207) 624-8457

Nebraska - Due to the shortened session of the Unicameral, the State of Nebraska is still on the 2017 National Electrical Code and hope to be adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code by mid-year 2021. The next State



Electrical Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2021. If you would like to be heard at a board meeting please email your request, stating what business you would like to discuss to <a href="mailto:sed.officestaff@nebraska.gov">sed.officestaff@nebraska.gov</a>

New Hampshire - The Building Code Review Board will meet on May 21, 2021. Questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:bldgcodebrd@dos.nh.gov">bldgcodebrd@dos.nh.gov</a>.

New Mexico – There is no legislative mandate for code adoption and very limited information available on their website. The next Construction Industries Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

North Carolina – The 2020 State Electrical Code (2020 NEC with State Amendments) is currently in the process of being adopted by the Building Code Council and the proposed effective date is October 1, 2021. Below are the State Amendments that are to be adopted with the NEC. NC may opt out of GFCI requirement. 2020 State Electrical Code Amendments (Proposal Only)

Ohio - The Ohio Board of Building Standards received Petition 20-01 from the Ohio Electrical Coalition, requesting the board update the edition of the National Electrical Code in the Ohio Building Code from the 2017 to 2020 edition. A stakeholder meeting was held in March 2020 and the state is currently underway to adopt the 2020 version.

Rhode Island – Rhode Island is currently updated to the 2020 NEC. Read the proposed rule here. The adopted *NEC* is for mandatory application by governmental bodies that exercise legal jurisdictions over electrical installations and for use by insurance inspectors. Current legislation is ongoing to automatically adopt the *NEC* in the year of its publication.

Utah – There is limited information on their website about the adoption of codes. In addition, most building code information is on Utah's legislature website (Title 15A State Construction and Fire Codes Act).

Vermont – Vermont is in the early stages of the code update process and working toward a mid to late summer adoption of updated codes. The Division of Fire Safety is responsible for the electric code and can be reached at DPS.DFSLicensing@vermont.gov or (802) 479-7564.

Should you have any questions or if you would like more details on anything contained in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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## Re: Support for Petition to Update Referenced Standard NFPA 70 to the 2020 Edition

Dear Members of the Ohio Board of Building Standards:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of updating the National Electrical Code reference standard from the 2017 edition to the 2020 edition.

For more than 100 years, the OMA has been dedicated to protecting and growing Ohio manufacturing. Representing 1,300 manufacturing members in every industry and every county of Ohio, the OMA has supported reasonable, necessary, and transparent regulations that promote the health and well-being of Ohio's citizens.

Updating the Ohio Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes to reference the 2020 edition of NFPA 70 is a vitally important and proactive step for the economic savings, consumer protection, and safety advancements afforded to Ohio residents by this latest edition.

As electrical products and delivery technology evolve, so too do the challenges of safely integrating the technology into our electrical systems. The 2020 edition of NFPA 70 ensures that electrical installations continually meet minimum safety requirements so that electrical systems perform as expected while preventing harm to life and property. Keeping pace with technological advancements such as wind, solar, energy storage, and electric vehicles, enables safety regulations to support, rather than obstruct installations that accommodate these innovations.

The 2020 edition of NFPA 70 is up to date with current industry technology and methods. Adherence to this document allows consumers to derive the benefit of advancements in electrical safety that were incorporated to strengthen the fire and shock prevention mission of the standard.

The OMA encourages the Ohio Board of Building Standards to adopt the 2020 edition of NFPA 70 so that electrical systems in Ohio provide the highest standard of safety and consumer protection to homes and businesses across the state.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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