



CHAPTER 12 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS* ARTICLE I BUILDING CODES PERMITTING & LICENSING PROVISIONS

*Cross reference(s)--Airport zoning, § 5-36 et seq.; erosion and sedimentation control, Ch. 15; fire prevention codes and standards, § 17-101 et seq.; floodplain management, Ch. 18; open housing, § 22-41 et seq.; planning and development, Ch. 34; preservation, Ch. 37; awnings, § 42-176 et seq.; subdivisions, Ch. 43; zoning, App. A. --State law reference(s)--Powers of home rule units, Ill. Const. art. VII, § 6.

ARTICLE I. BUILDING CODES* PERMITTING & LICENSING PROVISIONS

Sec. 12-~~47-616~~ through 12-17. Additions, insertions, deletions and changes.

ARTICLE I. AURORA BUILDING CODES

Sec. 12-16. 2009 International Code Council Series Adopted.

A certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Building Code Official of the City of Aurora, Illinois, being marked and designated as,

- " 2009 International Building Code - including Appendix Chapters (A, B, E, F, K);
- 2009 International Plumbing Code - including Appendix Chapters (E, F & G);
- 2009 International Mechanical Code - including Appendix Chapter (A);
- 2009 International Fuel and Gas Code – including Appendix Chapters (A, B, C, D);
- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code;
- 2009 International Residential Code - including Appendix Chapters (E, F, G, J, K, M, O, P);
- 2009 International Existing Building Code – including Appendix Chapters (A, B);
- 2009 International Fire Code – including Appendix Chapters (A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J)."

as published by the International Code Council, Inc. and adopted as the building code of the City of Aurora, Illinois in the State of Illinois; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, penalties, conditions, and terms of said 2009 International Codes are hereby referred to, and amended in part hereof as if fully set out in this article, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, prescribed in section 12-17.1 through 12-17.8 of this article. Nothing in this ordinance or in the Aurora Building Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in section 12-17.1 through 12-17.8 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Furthermore the following code standards are adopted as modified

- Illinois State Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators consisting of the following American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), American National Standards (ANSI), and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) standards, and any newer or additional references required by the State of Illinois.
 - Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators (ASME A17.1-2005), A 17.1 (a)-2005, and A17.1(s)-2005.
 - Guide for Inspection of Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks (ASME 17.2-2004)
 - Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators (ASME A17.3-2005)
 - Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts (ASME A 18.1-2005): and
 - Standard for the Qualification of Elevator Inspectors (ASME QE1-1-2004)
 - Safety Requirements for Personal Hoists and Employee Elevators (ANSI A10.4-2004)
 - Automated People Mover Standards (ASCE 21-2000).
- State of Illinois Life Safety Code for existing buildings (Portions of NFPA#101 plus Annex A & B) as adopted and required by the State Fire Marshal's Office
- ~~2008-2011~~ National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) and Annex H as amended by Article III. Electricity Sec. 12-31 and 12-32 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances.

(Code 1969, § 12-1; Ord. No. 089-19, § 1, 3-7-89; Ord. No. 095-47, § 1, 7-5-95, Ord. No. 001-47, 05 June 2001; Ord. No. O10-017, 11 May 2010)

The following Section shall be added:

Comment [s22mar-1]: The following are passages from the 2009 International Building Code that would conflict with the Electrical code adoption or were further desired to be changed by staff and the Electrical Commission. These passages are upon this adoption of the Aurora Electrical Ordinance hereby modified as indicated.

Comment [JPC2]: Need to resolve issues with I-Series front end and Appendix J in IRC AND/OR not adopt Annex H and incorporate 80.9 (B) existing conditions, 80.9 (C) alterations, additions, repairs AND 80.29 liability I LIKE adding section 90.1 (A) (1) below and not adding all of Annex H to then modify.

Sec. 12-16.1 PERMANENT BUILDING & FIRE CODE COMMITTEE. This committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the city council on matters pertaining to amendments to Aurora Building Codes, except the (NEC), state mandated codes and other matters pertaining to buildings and construction standards referred to said committee by the city council.

12-16.1.1 Membership: The membership of this committee shall consist of the regularly appointed members of the Building and Fire boards of appeal, as provided in IBC Appendix B and IFC Appendix A. The mayor, with the advice of the city council, may from time to time, appoint an additional member representing a Residential Contractor or Developer.

Sec. 12-16.2 Electrical Commission

Electrical commission created; composition; qualifications, appointment, term of members; meetings and minutes.

In accordance with the statutes of the State of Illinois, there is hereby created and established in the city, an electrical commission consisting of six (6) members. The director of Building and Permits shall be a member and ex officio chairman of such commission. At the last city council meeting in December of each two-year term, the city council shall appoint persons as members of said electrical commission whose qualifications shall be as follows: one (1) shall be a registered professional engineer; 1. one (1) an electrical contractor; 2. one (1) a journeyman electrician; 3. one (1) a representative of an inspection bureau maintained by the fire underwriters (or, if no such representative resides in the city, then the chief of the Aurora Fire Department); 4. and one (1) a representative of an electricity supply company (or, if no such representative resides in the city, then another member whom meets criteria 1-4) Such members shall be appointed for a two-year term or until their successors have been appointed and qualified by the city council. The director of building and permits, as ex officio chairman of the electrical commission, shall notify the members, in writing, as to the time and place of any meetings of the commission. Each meeting of the commission shall be recorded by a secretary and minutes shall be kept on file in the office of the building and permits director.

Sec. 12-16.2.1 Electrical Commission responsibilities.

The electrical commission shall make recommendations to the city council regarding:

1. Safe and practical standards and specifications for the installation, alteration and use of electrical equipment designed to meet the necessities and conditions of the city.
2. Reasonable rules and regulations implementing this electrical code ordinance.
3. The electrical commission shall also make recommendations to the director of Building & Permits regarding the revocation of an electrical contractor's license.

Sec. 12-16.3 Conformance with state statutes:

12-16.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the code officials to cooperate with all state agencies and subdivisions thereof and the various organizations which regulate the professions herein, to enforce the provisions of the several acts governing the registration of architects, structural engineers, professional engineers, land surveyors, alarm installers, plumbing contractors and roofers of the State of Illinois.

12-16.3.2 It shall be the responsibility of the code officials to cooperate with all state laws and codes including but not limited to current editions of the following;

- A. The State of Illinois Accessibility Code
- B. The State of Illinois Plumbing Code
- C. The State of Illinois Elevator Safety Program
- D. The State of Illinois Energy Code
- E. The State of Illinois Fire Marshal's Office

ARTICLE II. BUILDING CODE

ARTICLE II. A. BUILDING CODE

Sec. 12-17.1 Same--Additions, insertions, deletions and changes.

The following sections of the **2009 International Building Code** adopted in section 12-16 are hereby revised as follows:

CHAPTER 1

Section 105 Permits shall be amended as follows:

105.1 Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to: Construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, including detached accessory structures, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to construct, erect, install, or enlarge a fence; or construct any driveway or for the installation of pavement in the form of private walks, patios or parking pads adjacent to driveways capable of parking vehicles or construct or modify pavement in the public right of way, including public sidewalks, aprons, curbs, and curb-cuts, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. Oil derricks.

2. Retaining walls which are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.
3. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
4. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
5. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
6. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in Section 101.2, which are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (19,000 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
7. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including service systems.
8. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to one- and two-family dwellings.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R-3, as applicable in Section 101.2, and Group U occupancies.
10. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.
11. Electrical Installations per Article III. ELECTRICITY - section 103.2 and NEC 90.2 are exempt from permit.
12. Storable or prefabricated swimming pools that are disassembled in their entirety and put into storage between the dates of September 15 and May 15 of each year.
13. Windows that are being replaced that do not alter the framing or egress requirements are exempt from a building permit. Note that if in a historic district or if a historic structure you will be required to obtain a certificate of appropriateness.

Comment [JPC3]: Determine if we leave the list here or in the NEC adoption. ---Decided to refer to the NEC adoption here

Comment [JPC4]: Palatine

Comment [JPC5]: Current practice being added for clarification Similar provisions in State of Colorado code.

Subsection 105.3.1.1 shall be added as follows:

105.3.1.1 Any City liens, fines or city fees shall be paid prior to permit issuance.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 105:

105.8 Prerequisite for permit: No building permit for new construction shall be issued unless the following improvements are provided:

- (1) Refer to Section 43-12 Subdivision Control Ordinance
- (2) Refer to Section Article II.H Subsection 1410.1 Required Access

Subsection 107.1 shall be changed by adding the following:

107.1.1

The first page of each set of drawings shall further contain the following information:

REQUIRED PLAN COVER SHEET
INFORMATION FOR REVIEW
UNDER 2009 International Codes,
STATE OF ILLINOIS ACCESSIBILITY CODE, AND
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PLUMBING CODE
CODE REVIEW DATA

- A. Use and Occupancy group(s) classification (indicate single use; or single use with incidental use / accessory use; or mixed use separated / non-separated), (Chapter 3)
- B. Type(s) of construction (Chapter 6)
- C. Square footage of building and allowable Square footage with increases (specify each floor or fire area), (indicate if sprinklered and/or alarmed), (Chapter 5)
- D. Occupant load based on International Building Code (Chapter 10)
- E. Occupant load based on State of Illinois Plumbing Code (Section 890.810 (2))
- F. Designed Live loads (Chapter 16)
- G. The Design Professional in Responsible Charge shall be named.

The application for permit shall be accompanied by not less than six (6) sets of construction documents. The code official is permitted to waive or modify the requirements for filing construction documents when the scope of the work is of a minor nature.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 105:

105.3.1.1 Withholding of permits: Whenever the code official shall find that any contractor or owner is in violation of this code, or of any other ordinances of the city, or state he may refuse to grant any further permits to such violating contractor (or any owner employing such violating contractor) or to such violating owner (or anyone obtaining a permit for such violating owner's premises) until all violations have been corrected.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 107:

107.2.1.1 Engineering details: The code official may require to be filed adequate details of structural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical work, including computations, stress diagrams and other essential technical data. All engineering plans and computations shall bear the signature and seal of the engineer or architect responsible for the design as required by subsection 107.3.4.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 109.2:

109.2.1 Fees for certified private educational facilities:
Upon presentation of acceptable documentation, certified private educational facilities (Kindergarten and above grades) shall receive a 50% reduction in building permit fees for remodeling, repair, additions, alterations or similar improvements to buildings and structures. Fees shall not be waived for new construction, nor shall fees be waived for deposits, bonds City tap fees and inspections and/or reviews performed by outside consultants, or for any out of pocket expenses incurred by the City associated with the construction permit process. The burden of proving that the facility qualifies for the partial waiver as set forth in this paragraph shall be borne by the facility asserting the entitlement to the partial waiver of fees.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 109.6:

109.6.1 Refunds; whenever the work for which a permit was granted is not started and the six months' time limit for permits has not lapsed, the holder of the permit may receive a refund of 50% of the City Building Permit Fees paid. The refund request must be made in writing to the Division of Building and Permits and all permits must be surrendered. This policy does not apply to the non-refundable portions of the plan examination fee.

The following subsection shall be added to Section 114.4:

114.4.1 Violations: shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Subsection 115.3 shall be changed to read as follows:

115.3.1 A violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

The following subsections shall be added to Section 116:

116.6 Imminent danger; demolition of structures: When, in the opinion of the code official, there is actual and immediate danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure or any part thereof which would endanger life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered, the code official is hereby authorized and empowered to make the necessary arrangements to have said building or structure demolished without the necessity of court order. The code official may retain the services of an Illinois Licensed Structural Engineer to assist in making the demolition determination. All costs incurred therefore shall be charged to the owner(s) of record and if payment is not made within thirty (30) days, a lien shall be recorded against the property.

116.7 Costs of emergency repairs. Costs incurred in the performance of emergency work shall be paid from the treasury of the jurisdiction on approval of the code official. The legal counsel of the jurisdiction shall institute appropriate action against the owner of the premises where the unsafe structure is or was located, and the cost of such work shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is or was located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

The following Section shall be added:

SECTION 117 REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS

117.1 No construction work, as set forth in Section 117.2 through 117.8 in which; the material cost exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or the material plus the labor costs exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per discipline; may be installed, or replaced within the City of Aurora except by persons, firms, or corporations duly registered to perform such work, except as hereinafter provided, and then only, after a permit has been obtained to cover such work. Registrations shall be issued by the Division of Building and Permits to those persons, firms, or corporations qualified to perform such work, as set forth in this Section and as determined by the code compliance officers. Companies and corporations, upon transfer of ownership, shall be required to meet the testing requirements and apply for new licensure. Copies of Photo ID's, State trade contractor licenses, and State business registrations will be required as applicable.

117.1.1 Registration fee: The fee for contractor's registration shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year and per trade. Said registration(s) shall be renewed annually unless stated otherwise in the specific trade regulations below.

117.1.2 **Single Family Dwelling** Property owner exemption: The provisions herein contained shall not require an owner of record ~~occupying having occupied~~ a single-family dwelling from personally doing his own work on said owner-occupied single-family dwelling to obtain a registration; provided that said owner of record will live continue to live in the residence for a period of not less than six (6) months after the completion of the construction and submits the required affidavit.

117.1.2.1 Projects requiring special knowledge: projects requiring special knowledge and training indicated below shall be performed by a licensed contractor.

a) Electrical Work

1) New Service and service replacements

Comment [ECOM26mar6]: Come back to this and determine if contractor required without permit

Comment [JPC7]: Should we consider adding the 'Homestead Exemption' location

Comment [JPC24mar8]: Have a question into Legal about establishing ID and homestead

Comment [JPC9]: ID demonstrating residency? See IL Sec State ID type list

- Three owner types
- Owned the home already
- New Owner
- Type of work restriction
- Dollar value

Consider the type of projects which a homeowner must hire a contractor.
Generators
Photovoltaic Systems
New Electrical Services
Car Chargers

After so many failures require a licensed contractor

Comment [JPC17mar10]: Stab at limiting the types of work where a home owner exemption would be accepted. These require some specialized knowledge and the Homeowner exemptions that have been accepted in the past frequently were really done by unlicensed and perhaps unqualified contractors to the Homeowner's detriment.

2) Alternative power generation equipment (Photovoltaic, Wind turbines, Generators, etc.) shall be installed by licensed contractors with training specialized in their installation.

117.1.2.42 **Hired Assistance Prohibited:** Owner of record occupying a single-family dwelling wishing to do their own work without a licensed contractor per 117.1.2 shall be prohibited from hiring assistance in any way on the project without the hired assistant becoming a licensed contractor in the appropriate trade. Owner may be subject to fines up to two times the permit fees in penalties should permit applications fraudulently indicate the owner is doing the work when they have hired persons engaging in the work.

117.1.2.43 **CDBG or HOME funded volunteer based projects:** benefiting low-moderate income homeowners at their homestead are exempt from licensed contractor requirements and shall be permitted under the property owner exemption. Depending upon timeframe and work hours of the volunteer project, in relation to Building and Permits normal work hours, inspection requirements and permit closing requirements may additionally be modified as determined by the Building Code Official.

117.1.2.4 **Apprentice Programs or Board of Education volunteer based projects:** benefiting not-for profits OR low-moderate income homeowners at their homestead are exempt from licensed contractor requirements and shall be permitted under the supervision of a journeyman or a certified instructor.

117.1.3 Bond required: No person, firm, association, partnership or corporation shall be granted a registration until he or it has filed with the Division of Building and Permits, an irrevocable 'Illinois License and/or Permit Bond' issued by a surety company, satisfactory to the Division of Building and Permits in the principal amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), conditioned upon the faithful observance of all regulations and requirements of ordinances of the City of Aurora then in force, or which may thereafter be in force, concerning or regulating work as defined in Section 117.1, and conditioned further to indemnify, save and keep harmless the city from any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability of any kind whatsoever which the city may suffer or which may accrue against it by reason of anything done by such person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation in performing work in the City of Aurora. Certificates submitted shall be originals – not copies. Continuation certificates will not be honored.

117.1.4 Further, a copy of liability insurance must be submitted to the Division of Building and Permits. The certificate submitted must indicate the following coverage minimums:

- 117.1.4.1 General Liability;
 - 117.1.4.1.1 Commercial General Liability per occurrence in the minimum amount of \$500,000.
 - 117.1.4.1.2 Commercial General Liability- General Aggregate limit policy minimum amount of \$1,000,000.
- 117.1.4.2 Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability:
 - 117.1.4.2.1 Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage indicating compliance with statutory limits.
- 117.1.4.3 Additional Insured(s):
 - 117.1.4.3.1 Additional Insured coverage must include: 'City of Aurora' as primary and non-contributory.

117.1.5 Revocation of Contractor Registration: Contractors registrations as defined herein may be revoked by the City of Aurora for failure to comply with the requirements of this code or other ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to the work being performed.

- 117.1.5.1 Notice of revocation: The code official or his designated representative shall serve the registered contractor, by registered mail, certified mail, certificate of mailing or by personal service, a written notice of revocation which shall describe the grounds for revocation and the effective date which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of service.
- 117.1.5.2 Appeal: The contractor may appeal to the appropriate board of appeals, from a decision of the code official to revoke a contractor registration; said application for appeal shall be filed no later than twenty (20) days from the date of revocation service.
- 117.1.5.3 Re-registration: A contractor whose registration has been revoked shall not make application for, or be issued a new registration within twelve (12) months from the date of revocation.
- 117.1.5.4 Unless prohibited by the State, the code official is authorized to issue conditional or probationary registrations for contractors who have violated code provisions.

117.1.6 Contractor Testing:

117.1.6.1 Contractor testing hosted by the city of Aurora shall be assessed a non-refundable fee of \$100 dollars per test unless otherwise stated below.

117.1.6.2 117.1.6.1 Tests shall be taken by a Qualifying Party

117.1.6.2.1 117.1.6.1.1 **Qualifying party;** means the individual filing as a sole proprietor, partner of a partnership, officer of a corporation, who is legally qualified to act for the business organization in all matters connected with its contracting business and has the responsibility to supervise installation operations, and is actively engaged in day to day activities of the business organization.

117.1.7 ICC testing Option: In addition to the testing requirements below, written Examination from the International Code Council shall also be accepted as qualification for registration in the following registration categories.

- 117.1.7.1 HVAC contractors
 - 117.1.7.1.1 ICC - Master Mechanical Certification

Comment [JPC11]: This comes from Dallas and several other Texas muni's

Comment [JPC12]: Desire to clarify this requirement to assist our not for profits - we practice this but it is not currently codified.

Comment [StfMar14-13]: Service Work should be inspected and performed by qualified persons.

Comment [StfMar14-14]: Aurora not authoring any contractor testing at this time. All ICC testing or reciprocity from another accepted muni.

- 117.1.7.2 Electrical contractors
 - 117.1.7.2.1 Commercial Electrical Contractor registration; ICC – Standard Master Electrician.
 - 117.1.7.2.2 Residential Electrical Contractor registration; ICC – Standard Residential Electrician.
 - 117.1.7.2.3 Signage Electrical Contractor registration; ICC – Standard Journeyman Sign Electrician OR an ICC – Standard Master Electrician certification.

117.2 REGISTRATION OF HEATING, AIR-CONDITIONING & MECHANICAL/ VENTILATION CONTRACTORS

- 117.2.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered HVAC Contractor: Automatic or manually controlled heat-producing, air-conditioning or mechanical ventilation equipment covered by this code.
 - 117.2.1.1 Electrical contractor exception: Duly licensed electrical contractors may be issued a permit to install electric heat-producing equipment, without mechanical air flow or duct work required, without obtaining a further registration.
 - 117.2.1.2 Qualifications: To Qualify for Registration, a Qualifying Party of the firm or corporation must first pass a written examination per section 117.1.6 or 117.1.7.
 - 117.2.1.2.1 Reciprocal licensing: Contractors duly qualified and licensed in other municipalities or states may be issued licenses by reciprocity provided that the code official accepts the equality of the procedure under which the candidate obtained the original license. Contractors shall still make payment for a license and conform to the bonding and insurance requirements of this code.
- 117.2.2 Fireplace installation contractors:
 - 117.2.2.1 Qualifications: To Qualify for Registration, a Qualifying Party of the firm or corporation must first pass a written examination, as provided by the City of Aurora's Permanent Building and Fire Code Committee.
 - 117.2.2.2 Non-refundable testing fee for fireplace installation contractors shall be \$50.

117.3 REGISTRATION OF PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

- 117.3.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Plumbing Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any plumbing system covered by this code
- 117.3.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration: The person, partner or president of the corporation or association is a licensed Plumbing contractor by the State of Illinois or the City of Chicago to perform plumbing work.
 - 117.3.2.1 Fee: Per State Law Plumbing registrations shall be issued at no charge.

117.4 REGISTRATION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION CONTRACTORS

- 117.4.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Fire Suppression Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any fire suppression system covered by this code.
- 117.4.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration; Registration shall be issued to those individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, limited liability companies, or other legal entities upon fulfillment of bond and insurance requirements.
 - 117.4.2.1 Plumbing contractor exemption: Duly registered plumbing contractors may be issued a permit to maintain and/or repair fire suppression systems as permitted by the state without obtaining a further license.
 - 117.4.2.2 Single Family Property owner exemptions shall not apply to fire suppression contractors.

117.5 REGISTRATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS

- 117.5.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered General Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any work for which a permit is required by this code.
 - 117.5.1.1 The registration requirement shall not apply to the owner of any property serving as a general contractor for work on buildings or structures under their ownership for work that does not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00). Tenants shall provide documentation that an owner wishes to be a general contractor for a tenant improvement project.
- 117.5.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration; Registration shall be issued to individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, limited liability companies, or other legal entities upon payment of fee and fulfillment of bond and insurance requirements.

117.6 REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

- 117.6.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Electrical Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any electrical work for which a permit is required by this code except when an existing piece of utilization equipment is replaced by equipment with the same voltage and current requirements, and the new equipment is listed by an independent testing laboratory as suitable for the application, then, in that case, no permit is required.
 - 117.6.1.1 Registration Classifications:
 - (a) Registration: Industrial, commercial and residential.
 - (b) Registration: Residential one- and two-family.
- 117.6.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration; Registration shall be issued to those individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, limited liability companies, or other legal entities upon payment of fee and

fulfillment of bond and insurance requirements. A Qualifying Party of the firm or corporation must first pass a written examination, as provided by per section 117.1.6 or 117.1.7.

117.6.2.1 New Registration: The following procedures shall be followed in obtaining a new electrical contractor's Registration:

- a. ~~Make request in writing to the director of building and permits, giving a summary of experience and education together with proof of full-time employment as a journeyman electrician for a period of at least forty-eight (48) months immediately prior to the date of application. After the request has been examined by the director of building and permits, the applicant will be notified, in writing, as to the time and place of a written examination to be prepared and graded by the members of the city's electrical commission. The director of building and permits shall notify the applicant of the results of the examination within thirty (30) days of the date of the examination. If the person taking the examination receives a grade of seventy (70) percent or better on the examination, the applicant shall have passed the exam.~~
- b. ~~If the person applying for such registration should fail to receive said license because he failed the written examination; such person must then wait a minimum of six (6) months before reapplying for a registration.~~ ICC Certification: Present to Aurora ICC electrical contractor certification

~~b. 417.6.2.2~~ Reciprocal Registration: Contractors specifically licensed as electrical contractors in other Illinois municipalities may be issued registration by reciprocity, provided that the code compliance officer/electrical accepts the equality of the testing procedure under which the candidate obtained his original registration. Contractor's registration in another municipality to perform electrical work solely on residential property shall be registration in Aurora only for residential work (one-family or two-family residences). Contractors shall still make payment for a registration and conform to the bonding requirements set forth in this section.

117.6.3 Registration of Electrical maintenance persons;

Any person involved in maintenance work, who may be doing electrical repairs, alterations or installations and directly employed, for the preceding twelve (12) months, for any ~~non-residential use~~ industrial uses, firm, corporation or industry located within the city limits must be registered with the director of Building & Permits. Upon registration, such maintenance person shall be authorized by the director of Building & Permits to engage in such electrical repairs, alterations or installations only as pertains to the firm, corporation or industry in which he is employed.

Comment [2013Feb15]: Intention was limiting this to industrial uses.

117.6.3.1 The correction of violations of this article may be performed by maintenance people only if the code compliance officer/electrical determines that the violations to be corrected do not endanger life, safety or property. Corrections of unsafe conditions endangering life, safety or property must only be made by a licensed electrical contractor.

Comment [ECOM26mar16]: Modifications from Petersen --- Permit waivers for

117.7 REGISTRATION OF ROOFING CONTRACTORS

117.7.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Roofing Contractor: Installing, maintaining or repairing any roofing work for which a permit is required by this code.

117.7.1.1 Applicable Contractor Licensure Exemptions provided by the State of Illinois will be honored in Aurora

- 117.7.1.1.1 Property Owners performing work individually on their own property.
- 117.7.1.1.2 Employees of Property Owners for which an Employer-Employee relationship can be documented.

117.7.1.2 Registration classifications of Residential Roofer and Commercial Roofer will be issued.

117.7.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration: A majority owner or corporate officer, or director of the corporation is licensed by the State of Illinois to perform Residential only or all (Commercial) roofing work.

117.8 REGISTRATION OF SIGNAGE CONTRACTORS

117.8.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Signage Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any signage for which a permit is required by this code.

117.8.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration; Registration shall be issued to those individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, limited liability companies, or other legal entities upon payment of fee and fulfillment of bond and insurance requirements.

117.8.2.1 Signage Electrical Contractor registration shall additionally require an ICC – Standard Journeyman Sign Electrician OR an ICC – Standard Master Electrician certification. Signage Electrical contractors shall be permitted to install non-electrified signage under the same registration.

117.8.2.2 Signage Contractors (for non-electrified installations) shall be issued to those persons, firms, associations, partnerships or corporations upon payment of fee and fulfillment of bond and insurance requirements. Although required to become a

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registered Signage Contractor, registered General Contractors and registered Electrical Contractors will not be required to pay fees for this registration.

117.9 REGISTRATION OF FENCING CONTRACTORS

- 117.9.1 Work requiring City of Aurora registered fencing contractor: Constructing, erecting, installing, repairing or enlarging a fence for which a permit is required by this code. This registration requirement shall not apply to the property owner serving as his own fencing contractor.
- 117.9.2 Qualifications: Completion of registration application and in good standing with the City of Aurora.

117.10 REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY PAVING CONTRACTORS

- 117.10.1 Work requiring City of Aurora registered private property paving contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any paving on private property for which a permit is required by this code. This registration requirement shall not apply to the property owner serving as his own private property paving contractor.
- 117.10.2 Qualifications: Completion of registration application and in good standing with the City of Aurora.

117.11 REGISTRATION OF ALARM CONTRACTORS

- 117.11.1 Work requiring City of Aurora Registered Alarm Contractor: Installing, superintending, maintaining or repairing any fire alarm system covered by this code.
- 117.11.2 Qualifications: To qualify for registration; Registration shall be issued to those individuals, partnerships, corporations, business trusts, limited liability companies, or other legal entities upon verification of good standing of State of IL. Private Alarm Contractor or Private Alarm Contractor Agency License
- 117.11.2.1 Fee: Per State Law Fire Alarm Contractor registrations shall be issued at no charge.

R314.3.1 SMOKE ALARMS section

Comment [stf26mar18]: This retroactive requirement is being amended in the IRC appendix J and needs to be modified to match.