

City Council Committee Meeting Notice

CITY COUNCIL
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Committee: Policy & Finance

Meeting Date: June 1, 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: 1st Floor Conference Room; Cyrus K. Holliday Bldg 620 SE
Madison (*Virtual attendance option available*)

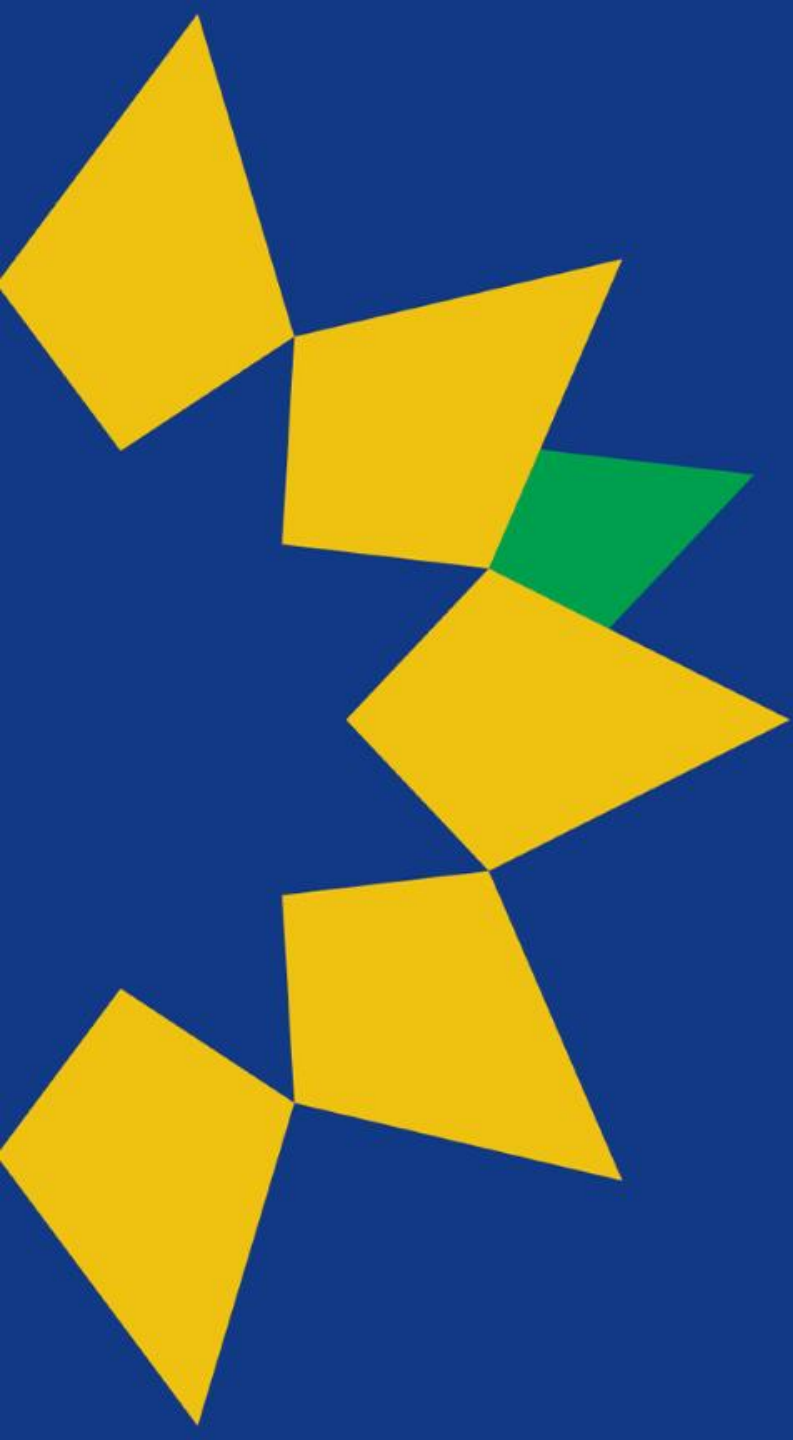
Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approve March 21, 2023
- 3) NOTO Development Fund
- 4) Property Tax Relief Program
- 5) Auxiliary Housing Unit
- 6) 2023 Electrical Code Adoption
- 7) Other Items
- 8) Adjourn

STAFF REQUESTED: Stephen Wade, City Manager
Freddy Mawyin, Chief Financial Officer
Amanda Stanley, City Attorney
Rhiannon Friedman, Interim Planning Director
Richard Faulkner, Division Director Devlpt. Services

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Spencer Duncan (Chair) – District 8
Christina Valdivia-Alcalá – District 2
Hannah Naeger – District 6

*** Please call the Council Office by 5:00pm on the date prior to the meeting to request Zoom link. ***



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Electrical Code Adoption

National Fire Protection Association
2023 National Electrical Code

Codes Presently Adopted by COT

RESIDENTIAL

- 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (CH 1-10, APP F)
- 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

COMMERCIAL

- 2021 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE (IEBC)
- 2021 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC)
- 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (IBC)
- 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC)
- 2015 LIFE SAFETY CODE (LSC)
- 2010 ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN

RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL

- 2018 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE
- **2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**
- 2015 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE



- The Governing Body desires to adopt the most up to date construction codes. The 2023 Is the most current version of the National Electrical Code (NEC)
- National codes are updated every 3 yrs.; best practice is to update locally 6-9 years
- Updating our codes allows us to have codes that are keeping up with changes in the construction industry
- These codes help us to provide our citizens with safe structures and improve their quality of life



Neighboring Cities

	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023
Manhattan				X	
Lawrence			X		
Overland Park			X		
Shawnee			X		
Leavenworth			X		
Olathe			X		
Junction City	X				



Review Process

The Board of Electrical Appeals, appointed by the City Council, lead the review process: Robert Bausch, Ronald Mullins, Shawn Smith, and Travis Gooden.

City Staff served as liaison to the board

The board decided not to make any amendments to the code and to adopted the code as written



Notable changes

New dwellings will be required to have an electrical disconnect next to the meter

Bathtub and Shower Space. No electrical outlets from the floor to the ceiling in bathtub and shower area

A section has been added to address the installation of solar panels which was not covered in our previous code





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Date: June 1, 2023

To: Policy and Finance Committee
Spencer Duncan,
Hannah Naeger,
Christina Valdivia-Alcalá

From: Richard Faulkner, Division Director, Development Services

Subject: 2023 National Electrical Code

The Electrical Board of Appeals has reviewed the 2023 National Electrical Code and is making a recommendation that the City of Topeka adopt the code. This code is the most current code and addresses electrical changes in the industry and will improve safety in our community and improve the quality of life for our citizens. Our present electrical code does not address changes in the electrical industry which is of concern to the board. They are making the recommendation the code be adopted as written, without making any amendments.

Staff agrees with the recommendation the electrical board is making to adopt the 2023 National Electrical Code as written.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade, concerning the adoption of the 2023 National Electrical Code, amending § 14.30.010 of the Topeka Municipal Code and repealing original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 14.30.010, National Electrical Code - Adopted, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

National Electrical Code – Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by reference the National Electrical Code, ~~2017~~2023 Edition, and any codified supplements thereto, as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts. The National Electrical Code, ~~2017~~2023 Edition, is hereby adopted as the electrical code of the City and incorporated in this chapter as if fully set out ~~in this chapter~~ herein.

Section 2. That original § 14.30.010 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body on _____.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk