

**TITLE 748. UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION
CHAPTER 20. ADOPTED CODES**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 2 IBC® 2018

748:20-2-40. IBC® 2018 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 4 IFC® 2018 [AMENDED]

748:20-4-85. IFC® 2018 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 6 IRC® 2018

748:20-6-49. IRC® 2018 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 8 IEBC® 2018

748:20-8-21. IEBC® 2018 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 10 NEC® ~~2017~~ 2020 [AMENDED]

748:20-10-1. Adoption of the National Electrical Code®, ~~2020~~ 2023 Edition (NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023) [AMENDED]

748:20-10-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]

748:20-10-3. NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023 Informative Annexes [AMENDED]

748:20-10-4. NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023 Provision Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]

748:20-10-6. NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023 Article 90 Introduction [AMENDED]

748:20-10-7. NEC® 2020 Chapter 1 General [REVOKED]

748:20-10-8. NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023 Chapter 2 Wiring and Protection [AMENDED]

748:20-10-10. NEC® ~~2020~~ 2023 Chapter 4 Equipment for General Use [AMENDED]

748:20-10-11. NEC® 2020 Chapter 5 Special Occupancies [REVOKED]

748:20-10-12. NEC® 2020 Chapter 6 Special Equipment [REVOKED]

748:20-10-13. NEC® 2020 Chapter 7 Special Conditions [REVOKED]

Subchapter 12 IFGC® 2018

748:20-12-13 IFGC® 2018 Chapter 8 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 14 IMC® 2018

748:20-14-20 IMC® 2018 Chapter 15 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Subchapter 16 IPC® 2018

748:20-16-20 IPC® 2018 Chapter 15 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

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DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of these proposed amended permanent rules is to continue implementation of 59 O.S. §1000.20 - 1000.29 (the "Act"), creating the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. These proposed permanent rules amend the referenced standards for the 2018 International Residential Code® which went into effect on September 14, 2022, and the National Electrical Code as proposed to the 2023 edition in all the listed subchapters. These proposed permanent rules also amend or remove requirements in the modifications to the adoption the National Electrical Code® (NEC®), and change the edition year from 2020 to 2030, as the statewide minimum code for commercial electrical construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:

These proposed amended permanent rules govern electrical construction contractors with regard to

electrical construction with the adoption of the 2023 National Electrical Code. These proposed permanent rules also affect State agencies, municipalities and other political subdivisions which administer or enforce building and construction codes in the State of Oklahoma.

CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:

Every person in Oklahoma who enters or works in a newly constructed or altered building wherein work has been performed pursuant to the codes of Oklahoma modified and adopted NEC® 2023, will benefit by these proposed permanent rules insofar as these rules set forth statewide minimum codes for commercial electrical construction deemed necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens. In so far as these proposed permanent rules provide for modern and uniform codes of commercial electrical construction to be applied by electrical construction contractors these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, citizen, and resident alike.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The economic impact of the proposed amended permanent rules in Title 748, Chapter 20 is expected to be minimal in that the only persons directly affected will be building electrical construction contractors, land and building owners, and State and local code administration and enforcement authorities who are, for the most part, already conducting business subject to some form of applicable building code or recognized construction standard.

COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY:

The proposed amended permanent rules provide no adverse cost and no negative effect to the OUBCC.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

The proposed rules in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision in the State of Oklahoma which is greater than any economic impact placed on such entities by the Act itself.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS:

The proposed permanent rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. Any changes of small business practices, particularly commercial electrical construction, which arise as a result of the adoption of the NEC® 2023, as modified by the OUBCC and mandated by these proposed permanent rules will be nominal.

MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:

The permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are not expected to have any provisions which impose upon any person or entity a known cost of compliance and, therefore, there is no less costly or non-regulatory method for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH:

The modifications to the adoption of the NEC® 2023, as modified by the OUBCC creates a positive effect on the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens by implementing modern and uniform commercial electrical construction codes as the statewide minimum standards for commercial electrical construction in the State of Oklahoma.

DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:

If the proposed permanent rules set forth in Title 748 Chapter 20, Subchapters 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are not adopted, the OUBCC will not be able to modernize and update its statewide building

codes in compliance with the requirements of the Act, and modern and uniform statewide building codes for commercial electrical construction will not apply to the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens.

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 20, 2023.