

TRIBAL CODE
CHAPTER 52
ELECTRICAL CODE

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Adopted March 27, 1967, Resolution No. 24(67), effective immediately.

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Section 52.108, April 20, 1998, Resolution No. 156(98).

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52.101 Purpose and Policy.

(1) The purpose of this code is the practical safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling and for other electrical apparatus.

(2) This code contains basic minimum provisions considered necessary for safety. Compliance therewith and proper maintenance will result in an installation essentially free from hazard but not necessarily efficient, convenient, or adequate for good service.

52.102 Application.

(1) This code shall apply to the new installation or major alteration of an existing installation of electrical service undertaken on the reservation after the effective date of this code. "Major alteration" of electrical service shall mean any repair, addition or improvement costing in excess of \$100.

(2) While modernization of existing electrical facilities is not required, it is expected that facilities which do not meet the standards of this code will be made to comply at the earliest possible time.

52.103 Administration and Enforcement.

This code shall be administered and enforced in accordance with the Code Compliance Ordinance, Tribal Code Ch. 64 governing the administration and

enforcement of codes generally.

52.104 Installation.

(1) All electrical installations or major alterations of an existing electrical installation shall be made only by a state licensed or duly qualified electrician and executed in a safe, neat and workmanlike manner.

(2) All installations and major alterations shall comply with the regulations of the utility company supplying service, or this code, whichever is the higher standard.

(3) (a) The materials used shall be new and conform to the standards of the National Electric Code.

(b) Minimum wire sizes shall be:

(i) No. 6 for outside service connections.

(ii) No. 8 for ranges.

(iii) No. 10 for heaters.

(iv) No. 12 for light and medium duty branch

circuits.

52.105 Nondwelling Units.

All buildings which are open to the public, including all commercial buildings, stores, hotels, motels, filling stations and all industrial and public buildings, hereafter constructed or subject to major alteration shall be provided with electrical installations adequate to provide safe and convenient service for the type of building involved, and which meet minimum standards set forth in the current edition of the National Electrical Code. For the purpose of this section, "major alteration" means any improvement, repair or addition costing in excess of \$2,000.

52.106 Maintenance.

All electrical installations subject to this code shall be maintained in a safe condition.

52.107 Items not Covered.

All items not covered herein shall be governed by the minimum standards established by the current edition of the National Electrical Code.

52.108 Designation of Alternative Code.

(1) In place of the standards set out above, the Tribe, or its tribally-designated housing entity (“TDHE”), may elect to designate, adopt and enforce the standards of the Uniform Building Code (“UBC”) or Council of American Building Officials (“CABO Codes”) with respect to a housing construction project or existing housing that is owned, manages or operated by the Tribe or the TDHE, provided:

(a) the Tribe or the TDHE makes the designation identifying the construction project or existing housing to be governed by the UBC or CABO Codes; and

(b) provides written notice of the alternative designation to all interested parties, including, as applicable, contractors, lenders and government agencies.

(2) With respect to any construction or existing housing governed by the UBC or CABO Codes pursuant to a designation under this section, inspections may be performed only by inspectors licensed by the Tribe under Chapter 57 of the Tribal Code.

(3) For purposes of this Chapter, “UBC” means the Uniform Building Code as published by the International Conference of Building Officials as of the date of

inspection.

(4) For purposes of this Chapter, “CABO Codes” means the Codes of the Council of American Building Inspectors in effect as of the date of inspection.