

AN ORDINANCE **97213**

AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCLUDE THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NON-METALLIC SHEATHED CABLE IN ANY MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES EXCEEDING THREE FLOORS ABOVE GRADE.

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WHEREAS, the 1999 National Electric Code as adopted by the City of San Antonio prohibits the use of non-metallic sheathed cable in any multifamily dwellings or other structures exceeding three floors above grade; and

WHEREAS, the City's Electrical Examining and Supervising Board as well as city staff believe that metallic sheathed cable offers a higher degree of protection, and

WHEREAS, the City's Electrical Examining and Supervising Board as well as city staff, believe it is highly important that this prohibition be made part of the City Code, and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with city staff and the City's Electrical Examining and Supervising Board; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Section 10-93(1)(t) of the City Code is hereby enacted as follows:

t. Non-metallic sheathed cables as listed in article 334 of the 1999 edition of the NEC shall not be used in any multifamily dwellings or other structures exceeding three floors above grade.

SECTION 2. Section 10-94 of the City Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Provisions of the most recent addition of the National Electric Code as adopted by the City notwithstanding, the following general provisions or prohibitions shall apply to all electrical installations or work within the jurisdiction of this chapter unless specifically contradicted by another provision within this chapter :

a. Non-metallic sheathed cables shall not be used in any multifamily dwellings or other structures exceeding three floors above grade.

SECTION 3. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this ordinance, or any appendix thereof, for any reason, be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision

herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 4 No other provision of the City Code is amended hereby. All other provisions shall remain in effect.

SECTION 5. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this ordinance, was given, all as required by Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated as amended Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is directed to publish notice of this ordinance in accordance with Section 17 of the City Charter.

SECTION 7. The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend and format said Codes to reflect the changes adopted herein.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall become effective February 23, 2003 or five days after publication, whichever is later.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February 2003.



M A Y O R
EDUARDO D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney