

Chapter 68

ELECTRICAL WIRING AND CONNECTIONS

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ARTICLE I
Definitions

§ 68-10. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated.

1. COMAR – Code of Maryland Regulations
2. ELECTRIC COMPANY – Thurmont Municipal Light Company.
3. OWNER/RESIDENT – Person who's name the electric account is listed in.
4. ELECTRICITY METER – A device used to determine the amount of electric used by a customer of the Electric Company.

ARTICLE II
Electrical Wiring and Connections

§ 68-20. Certificate of approval required.¹

- A. No connections for the purpose of transmitting electric current to any new customer or extensions and additions for present customers shall be made for any house, storeroom, building, stable, barn or any outbuilding until the wiring and fixtures in any house, storeroom, building, stable, barn or any outbuilding shall have been inspected and been given assurance of safe installation by a certificate of electrical approval issued by the Frederick County Electrical Inspector or his equivalent.

§ 68-21. Costs of inspection.

- A. The cost of inspection shall be at the expense of the owner of the property being wired.

§ 68-22. Issuance of permit.

- A. Upon approval of the wiring and fixtures by the Inspector, the Town of Thurmont shall issue a permit for the installation of electric current.²

¹Editor's Note: The provisions of this section were amended 6-7-1978.

²Editor's Note: On a motion made and carried 2-13-1980 the Thurmont Municipal Light Company adopted the National Electrical Code as set up by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Copies of this code may be secured from the Fire Marshal, Tower Building, Baltimore and Guilford Avenues, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

ARTICLE III
Electric Meters

§ 68-30. Tampering with electric meters.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper, interfere with, or damage an electrical meter that has been installed by the Electric Company.
- B. The property owner or resident shall be the responsible party when it has been determined that the electric meter has been tampered with or damaged in an attempt to conceal the amount of electricity consumed.
- C. Violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth under Maryland Code Annotated Criminal Law §6-303 and COMAR 20.31.02.02C.
- D. A person seeking reconnection of service following termination due to that person having tampered with, interfered with, or caused damage to, an electrical meter, will be required to pay the reconnection fee as outlined in the utility tariffs, as well as pay any past-due amounts prior to the restoration of service subject to the provisions of COMAR 20.31.05.

§ 68-31. Access to electric meters.

- A. Property owners and residents shall keep the area around all electric meters free of brush, bushes, tall grass and weeds, etc. which would prevent the reading or inspection of all electric meters.
- B. Electric meters that have been placed on or within enclosures shall be accessible and at all times by employees of the Electric Company to obtain meter readings and inspections.
- C. Violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in COMAR 20.31.02.02. In addition, violation of this section shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense. Each and every week during which such offense shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

ARTICLE IV
Diversion of Power

§ 68-40. Diversion of Power.

- A. It shall be illegal for any person to divert power for the purpose of stealing and/or non-payment for electric power used.

§ 68-41. Violation and Penalties.

- A. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to the penalties set forth in Maryland Code Annotated, Criminal Law § 6-303 as amended from time to time. Violation of this section will also result in termination of electrical service in that person's name.