



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. Q
8/13/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Public hearing regarding Ordinance amending the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, relating to authorizing City employees to provide plumbing and mechanical services as journeymen on City facilities; amending Chapter 18 - Electrical Code, Article IV – Apprentices, Journeymen and Contractors, by amending Section 18-76 - Electrical journeyman; and amending Chapter 29 - Mechanical Code, Article IV – Apprentices, Journeymen and Contractors, by amending Section 29-76 - Mechanical journeyman.

Purpose:

To adopt a Resolution amending certain sections of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, in Chapter 18 and Chapter 29.

Background:

The City of Oklahoma City (City) owns certain public utilities. Employees who are licensed journeyman electricians perform work on these systems.

The current Municipal Code is not aligned with State Statute in that current ordinances stipulate journeyman electricians and journeyman mechanics “must be in the employment of a person who is licensed and registered under the terms of this Code as an electrical contractor”.

Oklahoma Statutes Title 59, Section 1692 (A), related to the Electrical Licensing Act, does not require a journeyman electrician to work under a licensed electrical contractor on public and municipal utilities. Section 1697 also authorizes journeyman electricians to supervise up to three apprentice electricians.

Oklahoma Statutes Title 59, Section 1850.10 (C) related to the Mechanical Licensing Act authorizes journeyman mechanics employed by municipalities and their subsidiaries to work on public utilities.

This change will align City ordinances with State law and clarify that City employees who are journeyman electricians and journeyman mechanics (with valid Oklahoma State licenses) are empowered to perform services on municipal utilities without working under electrical or mechanical contractors.

Review:
Utilities Department

Recommendation: Public hearing be held.