



Office of the City Clerk

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MASTER ELECTRICIAN INFORMATION

For additional information on journeyman electrician testing requirements, please visit the City of Binghamton Department of Building and Construction at <http://www.cityofbinghamton.com/departments.asp?zone=dept-building-construction>.

License Information

There are three types of master electrician licenses issued in the City of Binghamton: Class A, Class B, and Class C. For class requirements, please consult the information included below. When applying for the license, each individual will need to bring photo identification, all fees necessary, and proof of Workers Compensation Insurance. All new applicants for a master electrician license must visit the Office of Building and Construction for preliminary information before submitting the license application to the Clerk's Office. Appropriate documentation showing that the applicant has passed the qualifying examination is required before submitting the license application.

Class A License

A master electrician license, Class A, shall authorize the licensee to engage in the business of a master electrician within the City for a period ending the 30th day of April next following the date of its issuance. Thus, it gives journeyman electrician privileges. The fee for such license shall be \$125.00, and must be renewed annually by April 30th of each year. If such license is renewed after April 30th, a \$5.00 late fee will be applied. All accumulated late fees must be paid at the time of renewal.

Class B License

A master electrician license, Class B, shall authorize the licensee to engage in the business of master electrician in the City, but only for the purpose of design and obtaining permits. A master electrician Class B license may not perform the tasks of a journeyman electrician. The fee for such license shall be \$100.00, and must be renewed annually by April 30th of each year. If such license is renewed after April 30th, a \$5.00 late fee will be applied. All accumulated late fees must be paid at the time of renewal.

Class C License

A master electrician license, Class C, shall authorize the licensee to engage in the business of master electrician in the City, but only for the purpose of undertaking, performing and completing a single continuous job or installation at one location or property. The fee for such license shall be \$100.00, and must be renewed on or before the expiration thereof for a period of time necessary to complete the job for which it is issued, at a renewal fee of \$100.00 per job.

Workers Compensation Information

New York State Workers Compensation Board requires all municipal Clerks to verify that an applicant for a master electrician license is currently covered by Workers Compensation Insurance. However, if an applicant is self-employed and has no employees a waiver may be obtained from the New York State Workers Compensation Office. For further information visit the New York State Workers Compensation Board website at <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/index.htm>.



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Additional Information

No permit shall be issued to any person unless he or she has been licensed as a master electrician, pursuant to the Code of the City of Binghamton §225-6, as follows:

No permit shall be issued to any person unless he or she is the holder of a license as a master electrician under this chapter or is exempted from such license requirement pursuant to Subsection B of this section. All property owners and/or master electricians must obtain a permit prior to commencement of any electrical work authorized pursuant to this section. Failure to obtain such permit shall result in a minimum fine of \$100 up to \$500 for the first violation, and a minimum fine of \$500 up to \$1,000 for the second violation. Any person who fails to comply three or more times in a five-year period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable for a fine of \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months or both.

All property owners and/or master electricians must obtain a permit prior to commencement of any electrical work authorized pursuant to the Code of the City of Binghamton §225-6, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other restrictions, the owner-occupant or intended owner-occupant of residential real property shall make application for an electrical permit to make alterations or repairs to the electrical system on said real property consisting of one, two or three dwelling units without being required to obtain a license as a master electrician for said electrical work. This provision shall in no way authorize a person to perform electrical work outside of property owned by said person or on property containing more than three dwelling units, mixed use, or nonresidential property. Electrical work shall be limited to electrical wiring within the dwelling units, excluding service entrance cable and electrical panel, to accessory structures (i.e., garages and pools), and exterior fixtures located on such property, excluding electrical service entrance cable and electrical panel. The electrical work shall be subject to inspection by the City of Binghamton Electrical Inspector or his or her successor or designee.

A master electrician is defined in the Code of the City of Binghamton §225-2 as the following:

Any person who engages in or carries on the business of installing, erecting, altering or repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices, appliances (excluding portable appliances as hereinafter defined), and equipment utilized or designed for the utilization of electricity for light, heat or power purposes or for signaling systems operating on fifty (50) volts or more, and any person who performs or supervises the performance of work done in connection with the installation, erection, alteration, extension or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices, appliances (excluding portable appliances as hereinafter defined), and equipment for light, heat or power purposes or for signaling systems operating on fifty (50) volts or more, and any person who contracts to do any of the foregoing.