

The Importance of Adopting the Latest Edition Of the National Electrical Code®

The undersigned members of the Electrical Code Coalition support direct adoption of the latest edition of the *National Electrical Code*. Direct adoption means that it is not adopted through a building code or other standard, but is directly adopted through direct legislative or administrative action. Direct action ensures that the requirements are not dependent on a code that is unrelated or only peripherally related.

The latest edition represents the latest technological advances. The NEC is revised every three years. Each edition goes through an extensive public vetting process to ensure that it meets technical and societal needs for minimum electrical safety.

Building inspection departments are evaluated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) based on use of up to-date Codes and Standards. Adoption of the latest edition of the NEC can result in lower insurance premiums for property owners in a jurisdiction.

The National Electrical Code is responsive. The Code is revised every three years to ensure that the requirements take into account the latest in technology and safety. This ANSI-based consensus process includes expertise from installers, inspectors, electric utilities, testing laboratories, manufacturers and others.

Industry training programs and industry magazines and other resources support the current edition. When the new edition is released, all of the industry resources switch their focus to the new edition. All of the trade magazines and industry web sites want to provide up-to-date information.

Electricians and electrical inspectors trained and working to the current edition have increased opportunities. Uniform adoption of the latest edition NEC across jurisdictions will help open up opportunities for electricians, contractors, and inspectors to work in various jurisdictions since they will all have been trained to the same technologically current, safety oriented code.

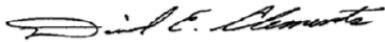
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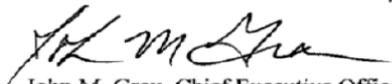
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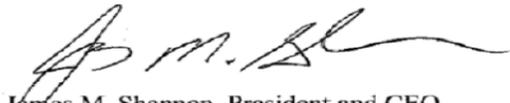
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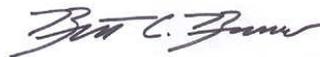
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