

**TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03**

An ordinance to regulate electrical service capacity within the Township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Findings of Fact.**

The Township Board hereby finds that:

- (a) no more than 200 amperes electrical service is necessary for nearly all residential applications;
- (b) except in extraordinary circumstances, electrical service in excess of 200 amperes is appropriate only for commercial or industrial applications or certain agricultural ones;
- (c) Township approval for 200 amperes or more electrical service for residential structures or structures accessory to residential uses is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

**Section 2. Electrical Compliance Permit.**

Persons must apply for and receive from the Township an electrical compliance permit when seeking to install electrical service of 200 amperes or more in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) for any structure or accessory structure in the AR, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6 zoning districts;
- (b) for any structure used as a dwelling or dwelling unit in any zoning district.

**Section 3. Standards for Permit Approval or Disapproval.**

Following inspection of the structure to be served by such service, the Township Electrical Inspector shall approve an application for an electrical compliance permit when the applicant demonstrates that the requested service is necessary for:

- (a) all residential applications within that structure;
- (b) applications on property that has qualified for an agricultural-products exemption under MCL 205.94(1)(f).

**Section 4. Disapproval; appeal.**

Persons aggrieved by a decision of the Electrical Inspector may appeal that decision to the Township Board no later than 14 days after receipt of the Electrical Inspector's decision. The Township Board must overturn the Electrical Inspector's decision upon a finding that his decision was:

- (a) arbitrary or capricious;
- (b) based on an erroneous finding of a material fact; or
- (c) an abuse of discretion.

**Section 5. Penalty.**

Any person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction subject to the penalties specified in Ordinance No. 96-2.

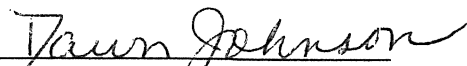
**Section 6. Effective date.**

This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after publication.

Voting for: Johnson, Hollis, Glesenkamp, Fuller, Moorhouse

Voting against: None

The supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.

  
Dawn Johnson  
Township Clerk

  
Fred Moorhouse  
Township Supervisor

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2020-02 which was enacted by the Marathon Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on November 12, 2020.

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Dawn Johnson  
Township Clerk