ORDINANCE NO. 92-26

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE HERNANDO COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE: PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, 1990 EDITION; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERANCE OF PARTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION TO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 1990 EDITION AND ALL APPENDIXES

There is hereby adopted by the County of Hernando, for the purposes of establishing and prescribing rules and regulations for safeguarding persons and buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radios, signaling and for other purposes, that certain electrical code known as the National Electrical Code, as recommended by the National Electrical Code Committee of the National Fire Protection Association, a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization, with its principal offices at Boston, Massachusetts, being particularly the 1990 Edition and all Appendixes, and that same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth in haec verba, and from the date upon which this division shall take effect the provisions thereof shall be controlling over all electrical work consisting of the installation, extension, repair, alteration, maintenance and removal of all electrical wiring, devices and appliances for light, heat or power within the county, including the management and control of all electrical devices installed by the county or any other person, persons, firms, corporations, partnerships or other entities.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

Refer to the Standard Building Code, 1991 Edition, Chapter 1 - Administration as modified by County Ordinance No. 92-25.

SECTION 3. SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding the provisions of The National Electrical Code (NEC), the following supplemental rules and regulations shall supersede any provisions of the NEC in conflict therewith; and the same are hereby fixed and prescribed for the doing of electrical work within the unincorporated areas of Hernando County.

- A. All metered water pump poles shall be provided with not more than a 60 amp service, and shall have a panel with no more than two circuits.
- B. All wood meter poles shall be creosote or pressure treated lumber, and shall be a minimum of six inches by six inches or equivalent diameter at meter base.
- C. Branch circuit wiring for all commercial and residential installations shall be minimum No. 12 copper.
- D. No electric line of any type or voltage will pass over any mobile home, swimming pool, or metal enclosure.
- E. Aluminum wire and copper-clad aluminum wire less than #2

 AWG shall not be used.
- F. In all places of assembly in their entirety, electrical nonmetallic tubing (ENT) shall not be installed.
- G. Identification decals: An identification decal with the contractor's name and telephone number shall be provided at the main switch or panel.
- H. Circuit directory index cards shall be located on the face or inside of panel doors. Specific circuits shall be clearly and legibly marked.
- I. Commercial buildings, multiple dwelling units, and any application utilizing multiple electrical meters shall require all panels, meter sockets, front, and rear doors to be permanently labeled with address numbers

corresponding to each unit.

- J. No transformers shall be installed in closets, attics, or crawl spaces.
- K. Panel boards shall not be installed in a bathroom, kitchen, closet, or attic.
- L. Areas subject to flooding may have only a main electrical disconnect, electrical service for pool equipment, and one (1), three (3)-way switch for stairway located below flood level.
- M. Except for testing, dwellings shall not be connected to any electrical source.
- N. No structure may be electrically connected to any pole without permission from the Hernando County Development Department Building Division.

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SECTION 5. SEVERANCE OF PARTS

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or other part or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 6. REPEALER CLAUSE

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, those previously enacted ordinances and amendments thereto which regulate the construction activities addressed by this ordinance, namely Hernando County Ordinance No. 91-03 and subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES

Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided for herein. The Director or his authorized representative shall issue notice to all entities violating any provision of this ordinance and shall order that such violations cease. Should any entity fail to comply with

such notice, or order, the Governing Body or its authorized official may institute appropriate action to bring such entity before a court of law for adjudication. Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned or both fined and

imprisoned, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 125.69 of

the Florida Statutes.

SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the word "ordinance" may be

changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 22nd day of December, 1992, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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