

**227.480 Authority to require permits -- Proof of licensure under KRS Chapter 227A -- Exemptions -- Inspectors -- Inspection standards.**

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  - (a) A city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall, according to the Uniform State Building Code as it pertains to the plan review and inspection responsibilities of local governments or the state, require any person to obtain a permit before commencing construction, alteration, or repairs of any electrical system.
  - (b) The city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall require all inspections that are deemed necessary by the department for the safety of life and property. The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to describe the circumstances where inspections are required.
- (2) A city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall not issue a permit unless the applicant submits proof of being licensed as an electrical contractor under KRS Chapter 227A or of acting on behalf of a licensed electrical contractor. However, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:
  - (a) A homeowner or farmer who does construction, alteration, or repairs of any electrical system on his or her own premises or any other person exempt from licensing under KRS 227A.030 or 227A.150;
  - (b) Electrical work performed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, a city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government, or any subdivision thereof;
  - (c) A company with a recently deceased licensed electrical contractor, which shall be granted an interim period of up to one hundred eighty (180) continuous calendar days by the city, county, urban-county government, charter county, consolidated local government, or state to allow the company to utilize the license of the deceased electrical contractor if:
    1. The company effectuates and documents all necessary bonding and insurance policies required by KRS Chapter 227A; and
    2. Ensures that the bonding and insurance policies remain in effect for the entirety of the interim period of time extended; or
  - (d) A disaster response business as defined in KRS 141.010.
- (3) A city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government shall appoint and may fix the compensation of city, county, urban-county government, charter county, or consolidated local government electrical inspectors, and may by ordinance fix reasonable fees and establish other requirements for the conduct of electrical inspections within its boundaries. All electrical inspectors shall be certified under KRS 227.489.
- (4) Reasonable standards for the construction, alteration, and repair of any electrical system shall be those adopted in the Uniform State Building Code, as promulgated by the department, and shall have as a minimum standard the requirements of the National Electrical Code, which may include Kentucky amendments. These

standards shall be used by the electrical inspector in making his inspections.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006).** 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 83, sec. 6, provides that the Act, which included an amendment to this statute, shall be known and may be cited as "Isaac's Act."