



# City of Hutto

## Agenda

### **Building Standards Commission Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM Council Chambers**

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**1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

4.1. Consider a recommendation to City Council to adopt the 2023 National Electric Code with local amendments.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**6. CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this notice of the March 12, 2024 Hutto Building Standards Commission meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on March 8, 2024 before 5:00 P.M.



  
Angel Kavanaugh, Management Assistant

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# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 4.1.



**To:** Building Standards Commission  
**Subject:** Consider a recommendation to City Council to adopt the 2023 National Electric Code with local amendments.  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
**Department:** Development Services  
**Staff Contact:** Ashley Bailey

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State of Texas and TDLR have adopted the 2023 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC) to be the mandatory minimum standard State-wide, effective September 1, 2023. The major changes are attached.

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The attached major changes as recommended by the North Texas Council of Government are also recommended with this adoption. In addition, further discussion on island and peninsula outlets is needed to determine if Hutto wants to make an amendment to require outlets or pop-up outlets be installed in kitchen islands and or peninsulas. .

### STAFF REVIEW:

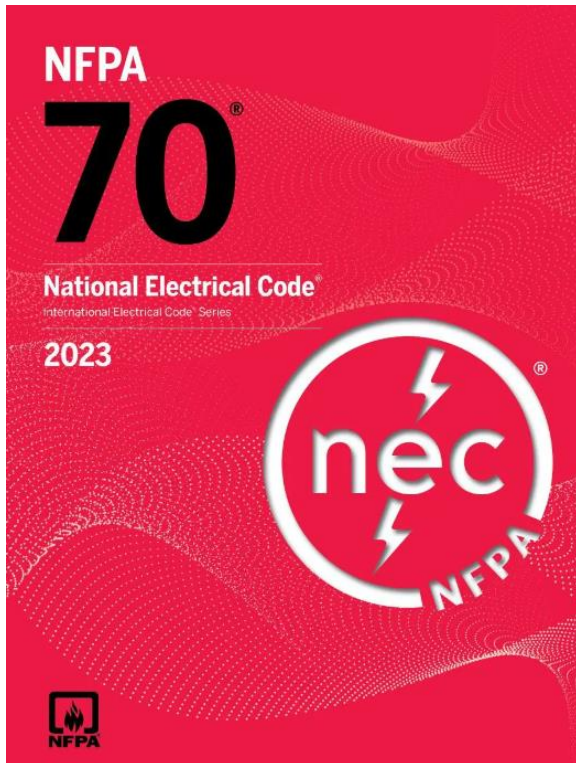
### FISCAL NOTES:

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023 National Electrical Code Significant Changes
2. NCTCOG NEC Amendments DRAFT

# 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES



The State of Texas and TDLR have adopted the 2023 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC) to be the mandatory minimum standard State-wide, effective September 1, 2023.

The following are significant changes to the NEC.

- **Article 100 - Definitions**
  - **Reformatting:** All definitions are now contained within this article, including those that were previously located in XXX.2 sections of their respective chapters.
- **Article 100 – Definitions of Work Surface & Countertop**
  - **New:** The difference is based on the amount of potential spillage and affects the type of electrical equipment used at the surface (i.e. flanged, sealed pop-up receptacles).
- **Article 100 – Definition of Engineering Supervision (NCTCOG Amendment)**
  - **Addition:** Expands on definition of Engineering Supervision to stipulate a Qualified State of Texas Licensed Professional Engineer as referenced by TBPELS 137.59(a)(b) as acceptable by the AHJ.
- **110.17 – Servicing and Maintenance of Equipment**
  - **New:** This new section differentiates reconditioning, servicing, and maintenance activities, and requires that all persons performing service or maintenance must be qualified and trained, and all replacement parts and equipment must be identified and approved.

# 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- **110.20 – Reconditioned Equipment**
  - **New:** Clarifies when equipment can or cannot be reconditioned, does or doesn't need to be listed or labeled, and terms of approval by the AHJ.
  
- **110.26(A)(4) – Working Space Around Electrical Equipment**
  - **Revised:** Working depth must be maintained to the floor, open equipment doors cannot decrease the clear width of the remaining egress space to less than 24 in, and side reach should not exceed 6 in. to work in the panel.
  
- **210.8(A)(7) & 210.8(B)(3) – GFCI Protection**
  - **Revision:** GFCI receptacles are required in “areas with sinks and permanent provisions for food preparation, beverage preparation, or cooking” that aren't necessarily kitchens (i.e. wet bars, beverage prep areas in a convenience store, etc.).
  
- **210.8(D) – Specific Appliances**
  - **New:** A newly-expanded list of “specific appliances” was added that will require GFCI protection, regardless of whether they are hardwired or cord-and-plug connected (new additions include electric range, wall-mounted oven, counter-mounted cooking unit, clothes dryer, and microwave).
  
- **210.8(A)(6) – GFCI Protection for Personnel, Dwellings, Kitchens**
  - **New:** All 125- to 250-volt receptacles in a kitchen must be GFCI protected, regardless of their location or purpose. This includes receptacles that do not serve countertops and are not adjacent to the sink. 210.8(D) goes on to list specific appliances that require GFCI protection.
  
- **210.11(C)(4) – Garage Branch Circuits**
  - **Addition:** Clarifies requirements for 20 amp branch circuits in garages. Additional branch circuits 15 amps or greater may be installed in garages to serve receptacles other than those required in Sec. 210.52(G)(1).
  
- **210.12(F) – AFCI Protection**
  - **New:** Sleeping quarters in fire houses, police stations, and the like will be treated like dormitories and require AFCI protection.
  
- **210.17 – Guest Rooms and Suites**
  - **Clarification:** Rooms and suites in hotels, motels, and assisted living facilities (added) that have permanent provisions for cooking must meet the same branch circuit requirements of a dwelling unit kitchen.

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## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- **210.18 – Branch Circuits Not Over 1000 Volts**
  - **New:** The NEC now recognizes 10-amp branch circuits for certain power and lighting loads. 210.23 goes on to clarify specific types of acceptable loads.
- **210.23 – Permissible Loads**
  - **New:** Expressly prohibits receptacle outlets, fixed appliances (except as permitted elsewhere), garage door openers, and laundry equipment from utilizing the newly-recognized 10-amp branch circuits.
- **210.52(C)(2) – Dwellings, Receptacles, Island and Peninsular**
  - **New:** The NEC no longer requires receptacle outlets to serve kitchen islands and peninsulas in dwelling units. Instead, there must be provisions for a “future” receptacle to be installed to serve the work surface, as determined by the AHJ.
- **210.52(C)(3) – Receptacles**
  - **New:** Receptacles serving the kitchen countertop are no longer allowed to be located below the work surface. All receptacles required for the kitchen counter space must be located above the surface, or else be approved counter-mounted or pop-up receptacles.
- **215.18 – Surge Protection for Feeders**
  - **New:** New language addresses proper surge protection for areas that may be an extended distance from the service.
- **220.7 – Load Calculations (NCTCOG Amendment)**
  - **New:** A load calculation shall be provided upon request when modifications to the electrical installation occur.
- **220.57 – Load Calculations for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)**
  - **Revision:** When doing a load calculation, new requirements call for EVSE loads to be calculated at either 7200 watts or the nameplate rating of the equipment, whichever is larger.
- **220.70 – Energy Management Systems (EMSs)**
  - **New:** This new section was added to address digital controls for energy management systems that regulate the maximum load on a service.
- **225.41 – Emergency Disconnects**
  - **New:** Outside emergency disconnects are required for feeders supplied to one- and two-family dwelling units.

# 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE

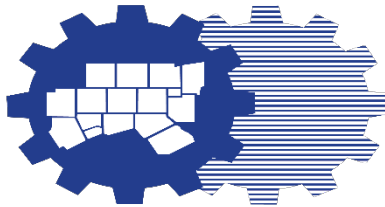
## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- **404.16 – Reconditioned Equipment**
  - **Clarification:** Switches cannot be reconditioned and must be replaced.
- **406.9(C) - Receptacles Installed around Tub and Shower Spaces**
  - **Revision:** New language clarifies the zone around tubs and showers in which receptacles are prohibited.
- **406.12(1) – Temper-Resistant Receptacles**
  - **Addition:** Required locations for tamper-resistant receptacles in residential occupancies have been expanded to include areas such as boathouses, mobile homes, manufactured homes, and detached garages and accessory structures serving dwellings.
- **440.11 – Disconnects in Residential Spaces**
  - **New:** Where the disconnecting means has a door that can be opened to expose live parts and is in an area exposed to unqualified personnel, the door must be closeable with a lock or require tools to open.
- **445.18(A) & 445.19 – Disconnecting Means and Prime Shutdown**
  - **Revision:** The disconnecting means for a generator may be located inside the generator with a hinged door, cover, or panel, provided that it is labeled to indicate the location to emergency responders.
- **501-503 – Classified and Unclassified Areas**
  - **Revision:** Clarifies that area classification documentation must be available for both classified and adjacent areas, including language requiring that an area classification drawing must be submitted to the AHJ.
- **517.6 – Patient Care-Related Electrical Equipment, Reconditioned**
  - **New:** The NEC provisions governing reconditioned electrical equipment do not apply to patient-care equipment.
- **625.40 – Electric Vehicle Branch Circuit**
  - **New:** New exception permits multiple units of EVSE drawing 16A or less, at 120V, to share a circuit when operating in island mode.
- **680.5 – GFCI and SPGFCI Protection**
  - **Revision:** This section was revised and expanded to include SPGFCIs and broken up into three sections. The revision’s intent is to clarify protection for pool equipment in commercial installations that have higher voltages.

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## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- **680.54(C) - Equipotential Bonding of Splash Pads**
  - **New:** Clarifies the area to be bonded for a splash pad.
  
- **700.3(A) – Tests and Maintenance**
  - **Revision:** Now requires commissioning and not just testing of the emergency system.
  
- **706.7 – Commissioning and Maintenance of Energy Storage System**
  - **Revision:** This section was divided into commissioning and maintenance requirements. ESSs must be commissioned upon installation in other than one- and two-family dwellings.



North Central Texas  
Council of Governments

**Recommended Amendments to the  
2023 National Electrical Code  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

The following articles, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2023 National Electrical Code (NEC)* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the NEC. Highlighted with gray shading is text inserted. Lined through type is deleted text from NEC. A double asterisk (\*\*) at the beginning of an article identifies an amendment carried over from the 2020 edition of the code and a triple asterisk (\*\*\*) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2023 code.

**\*\*\*Article 100; add the following to definitions:**

Engineering Supervision. Supervision by a Qualified State of Texas Licensed Professional Engineer engaged primarily in the design or maintenance of electrical installations **as referenced by TBPELS 137.59 (a)(b) as acceptable by the AHJ**

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To better define the qualifications for engineering supervision. This term is used twenty-nine times in the 2023 National Electrical Code.)*

**\*\*Article 110.2; change the following to read as follows:**

**110.2 Approval.** The conductors and equipment required or permitted by this Code shall be acceptable only if approved. Approval of equipment may be evident by listing and labeling of equipment by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL) with a certification mark of that laboratory or a qualified third party inspection agency or a field evaluation by a Field Evaluation Body accredited by either the International Code Council International Accreditation Service AC354 or ANSI National Accreditation Board programs and approved by the AHJ.

*Exception: Unlisted equipment that is relocated to another location within a jurisdiction or is field modified is subject to the approval by the AHJ. This approval may be by a field evaluation by a NRTL or qualified third-party inspection agency or a field evaluation by a Field Evaluation Body accredited by either the ICC IAS AC354 or ANAB programs and approved by the AHJ*

~~Manufacturer's self-certification of any equipment shall not be used as a basis for approval by the AHJ.~~

Informational Note **No. 1:** See 90.7, Examination of Equipment for Safety, and 110.3, Examination, Identification, Installation, and Use of Equipment. See definitions of *Approved*, *Identified*, *Labeled*, and *Listed*.

Informational Note No. 2: Manufacturer's self-certification of equipment may not necessarily comply with U.S. product safety standards as certified by an NRTL.

Informational Note No. 3: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 790 and 791 provide an example of an approved method for qualifying a third-party inspection agency.

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval of unlisted equipment.)*

**\*\*\*Article 110.12 B; add the following to:**

**(B) Integrity of Electrical Equipment and Connections.**

Internal parts of electrical equipment, including busbars, wiring terminals, insulators, and other surfaces, shall not be damaged or contaminated by foreign materials such as paint, plaster, cleaners, abrasives, corrosive residues or influences, fire, products of combustion, or water. There shall be no damaged parts that may adversely affect safe operation or mechanical strength of the equipment such as parts that are broken; bent, cut; or deteriorated by corrosion, chemical action, or overheating. Except where prohibited elsewhere in this Code, equipment shall be specifically evaluated by its manufacturer or a qualified testing laboratory prior to being returned to service.

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To better define a Plan of Action for equipment that is compromised prior to restoring to service)*

**\*\*Article 210.8 A 1 Bathrooms Exception; change the following to read as follows:**

(A) Dwelling Units.

All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles installed in the following locations and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel:

(1) Bathrooms

Exception No. 4: Factory-installed receptacles that are not readily accessible and are mounted internally to ~~bathroom~~ exhaust fan assemblies shall not require GFCI protection unless required by the installation instructions or listing.

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: to cover all locations that exhaust fans could be installed)*

**\*\*Article 210.52 C 1 Countertop and Work Surfaces Exception; change the following to read as follows:**

C) Countertops and Work Surfaces.

In kitchens, pantries, breakfast rooms, dining rooms, and similar areas of dwelling units, receptacle outlets for countertop and work surfaces that are 300 mm (12 in.) or wider shall be installed in accordance with 210.52(C)(1) through (C)(3) and shall not be considered as the receptacle outlets required by 210.52(A).

For the purposes of this section, where using multioutlet assemblies, each 300 mm (12 in.) of multioutlet assembly containing two or more receptacles installed in individual or continuous lengths shall be considered to be one receptacle outlet.

(1) Wall Spaces.

Receptacle outlets shall be installed so that no point along the wall line is more than 600 mm (24 in.) measured horizontally from a receptacle outlet in that space. The location of the receptacles shall be in accordance with 210.52(C)(3).

Exception No. 1: Receptacle outlets shall not be required directly behind a range, counter-mounted cooking unit, or sink in the installation described in Figure 210.52(C)(1).

~~Exception No. 2: Where a required receptacle outlet cannot be installed in the wall areas shown in Figure 210.52(C)(1), the receptacle outlet shall be permitted to be installed as close as practicable to the countertop area to be served. The total number of receptacle outlets serving the countertop shall not be less than the number needed to satisfy 210.52(C)(1). These outlets shall be located in accordance with 210.52(C)(3).~~

(REASON FOR CHANGE: Elimination of receptacles in an area with a concept window wall configuration over the countertop is not the only option as there are devices available for a compliant installation)

**\*\*Article 210.52 C 2 Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces: *Change the following to read as follows:***

Receptacle outlets, shall be installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface in accordance with 210.52(C)(3) or .... DISCUSSION NEEDED.

**\*\*Article 210.63 B 1 Equipment Requiring Servicing.; *change the following to read as follows:***

(B) Other Electrical Equipment.

In other than one- and two-family dwellings, a receptacle outlet shall be located as specified in 210.63(B)(1) and (B)(2).

(1) Indoor Service Equipment.

The required receptacle outlet shall be located within the same room or area as the service equipment.

(2) Indoor Equipment Requiring Dedicated Equipment Spaces.

Where equipment, other than service equipment, requires dedicated equipment space as specified in 110.26(E), the required receptacle outlet shall be located within the same room or area as the electrical equipment ~~and shall not be connected to the load side of the equipment's disconnecting means.~~

(REASON FOR CHANGE: to clarify that this is not any practical method for enforcement)

**\*\*\* New Article 220.7 Load Calculation; add the following:**

A load calculation shall be provided upon request when modifications to the electrical installation occur.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: to provide sufficient information as to the adequacy of existing conditions for the modifications proposed and substantiating the capacity of Power Production Systems used for Optional Standby/ Backup Use)

**\*\*\*Article 230.85 C Emergency Disconnects: Change the following to read as follows:**

For one- and two-family dwelling units, an emergency disconnecting means shall be installed.

(C) Replacement.

Where service equipment is replaced, all of the requirements of this section shall apply.

Exception: Where a pre-existing installation is Code Compliant with 230.70 A, only meter sockets, service entrance conductors, or related raceways and fittings are replaced, the requirements of this section shall not apply.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: to clarify that there are pre-existing that were approved but were not Code Compliant and when modified shall comply with Code)

**\*\*\*Article 408.4 Descriptions ~~Field Identification~~ Required: Change the following to read as follows**

(A) Circuit Directory or Circuit Description.

Every circuit and circuit modification shall be provided with a legible and permanent description that complies with all of the following conditions as applicable:

- (1) Located at each switch or circuit breaker in a switchboard or switchgear
- (2) Included in a circuit directory that is located on the face of, inside of, or in an approved location adjacent and permanently affixed to the panel door in the case of a panelboard
- (3) Clear, evident, and specific to the purpose or use of each circuit including spare positions with an unused overcurrent device
- (4) Described with a degree of detail and clarity that is unlikely to result in confusion between circuits
- (5) Not dependent on transient conditions of occupancy

(6) Clear in explaining abbreviations and symbols when used

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval)*

**\*\*Article 410.118: Change the following to read as follows**

**410.118 Access to other boxes.**

Luminaires recessed in the ceilings, floors, or walls shall not be used to access outlet, pull, or junction boxes or conduit bodies, unless the box or conduit body is an integral part of the listed luminaire.

*Exception: removable luminaires with a minimum measurement of 22 in. X 22 in. shall be permitted to be used as access to outlet, pull, junction boxes or conduit bodies.*

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval. This will allow access to boxes not integral with the luminaire. This measurement aligns with the limited access above a lay-in ceiling measurement in 110.26(A)(4).*

**\*\*Article 422.31 B: Change the following to read as follows**

**422.31 B Appliances Rated over 300 Volt-Amperes**

(B) Appliances Rated over 300 Volt-Amperes. For permanently connected appliances rated over 300 volt-amperes, the branch-circuit switch or circuit breaker shall be permitted to serve as the disconnecting means where the switch or circuit breaker is within sight from and is readily accessible to the appliance it serves or is capable of being locked in the open position in accordance with 110.25 and is readily accessible to the appliance it serves.

Informational Note No. 1: For appliances employing unit switches, see 422.34.

Informational Note No 2: The following means of access are considered to constitute readily accessible for this code change when conforming to the additional access requirements of the I Codes:

- (1) A permanent stair.
- (2) A pull-down stair with a minimum 300 lb. (136 kg) capacity.
- (3) An access door from an upper floor level.

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval)*

**\*\*\*Article 500.8 (A) (3); change to read as follows:**

**500.8 Equipment.**

Articles 500 through 504 require equipment construction and installation that ensure safe performance under conditions of proper use and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 1: It is important that inspection authorities and users exercise more than ordinary care with regard to installation and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 2: Since there is no consistent relationship between explosion properties and ignition temperature, the two are independent requirements.

Informational Note No. 3: Low ambient conditions require special consideration. Explosion proof or dust-ignition proof equipment may not be suitable for use at temperatures lower than -25°C (-13°F) unless they are identified for low-temperature service. However, at low ambient temperatures, flammable concentrations of vapors may not exist in a location classified as Class I, Division 1 at normal ambient temperature.

**(A) Suitability.** Suitability of identified equipment shall be determined by one of the following:

- (1) Equipment listing or labeling;
- (2) Evidence of equipment evaluation from a qualified testing laboratory or inspection agency concerned with product evaluation; or,
- (3) By Special Permission Only, Evidence acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction such as a manufacturer's self-evaluation *accompanied by* or an owner's engineering judgment an engineering judgment signed and sealed Under Supervision by a Qualified State of Texas Licensed Professional Engineer engaged primarily in the design or maintenance of electrical installations as referenced by TBPELS 137.59 (a)(b) as acceptable by the AHJ.

Informational Note: Additional documentation for equipment may include certificates demonstrating compliance with applicable equipment standards, indicating special conditions of use, and other pertinent information.

*(REASON FOR CHANGE: It was revised to reflect new language and rearrangement of that section)*

**\*\*\*Article 505.7 and 505.7 (A); change to read as follows:**

#### **505.7 Special Precaution.**

~~Article 505~~ This article requires equipment construction and installation that ensures safe performance under conditions of proper use and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 1: It is important that inspection authorities and users exercise more than ordinary care ~~with regard~~ to regarding the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment in hazardous (classified) locations.

Informational Note No. 2: ~~Low ambient conditions require special consideration.~~ Electrical equipment ~~depending~~ that is dependent on the protection ~~techniques described~~ technique permitted by 505.8(A) may not be suitable for use at temperatures lower than -20°C (-4°F) unless they are identified for use at lower temperatures. ~~However,~~ Low ambient conditions require special consideration. At low ambient temperatures, flammable concentrations of vapors ~~may~~ might not exist in a location classified Class I, Zones 0, 1, or 2 at normal ambient temperature.

- (A)** Implementation of Zone Classification System. Classification of areas, engineering and design, selection of equipment and wiring methods, installation, and inspection shall be performed ~~By Special Permission Only, under~~ Supervision by a Qualified State of Texas Licensed Professional Engineer engaged primarily in the design or maintenance of electrical installations as referenced by TBPELS 137.59 (a)(b) as acceptable by the AHJ.
- (B)** GO TO TBPE LAW FOR THE DEFINITION OF AN ENGINEER  
<https://pels.texas.gov/>  
<https://pels.texas.gov/downloads/lawrules.pdf>

(REASON FOR CHANGE: Carryover from previous amendment with change to better define the qualifications for an engineering judgement. Code revision language included.)

**\*\*Article 695.6 A 1: Change the following to read as follows:**

**695.6 (A) Supply Conductors.**

**(1) Services and On-Site Power Production Facilities.**

Service conductors and conductors supplied by on-site power production facilities shall be physically routed outside a building(s) and shall be installed as service-entrance conductors in accordance with 230.6, 230.9, and Parts III and IV of Article 230. Where supply conductors cannot be physically routed outside of buildings, the conductors shall be permitted to be routed through the building(s) where installed in accordance with 230.6(1) or (2).

~~Exception: The supply conductors within the fire pump room shall not be required to meet 230.6 (1) or (2)~~

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval. All Fire Pump rooms are not Fire Rated as on all 4 sides. There are Fault Currents that could exceed 150,000-190,000 amps and protection of these Service Conductors is essential and conflict with other codes, specifically 230.70(A)(1).)

**\*\*\*Article 690.9 D: Change the following to read as follows:**

**690.9(D) Transformers. Overcurrent protection for power transformers shall be installed in accordance with 705.30(F).**

~~Exception: A power transformer with a current rating on the side connected toward the interactive inverter output, not less than the rated continuous output current of the inverter, shall be permitted without overcurrent protection from the inverter.~~

(REASON FOR CHANGE: is that this removes the requirements for 240.21(C) for transformer secondaries when the inverters 125% output is smaller than the transformers rating.)

**\*\*\*Article 705.8 System Installation: Change the following to read as follows:**

705.8 System Installation. Installation of one or more electrical power production sources operating in parallel with a primary source(s) of electricity shall be performed only by qualified persons. During the installation there shall be on site one of the following:

(1) A person holding a Master Electrician License issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(2) A person holding a Journeyman Electrician License issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

~~(3) A person holding a Residential Wireman License issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Additionally this person must have formal training in interconnected electric power production sources. This training must be approved by the AHJ.~~

(REASON FOR CHANGE: These are specialized systems as evidenced by the Code, which contain installation requirements from chapter 6, Special Equipment and chapter 7 Special Conditions)

**705.80 Power Source Capacity.**

For interconnected power production sources that operate in island mode, capacity shall be calculated using the sum of all power source output maximum currents for the connected power production source. Solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind systems shall not be included in the sum capacity.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: to keep unreliable production sources out of the calculation as 705 creates conflicts with all standby systems.)

**\*\*\*Article 710.15 A: Change the following to read as follows**

**710.15 General**

**710.15(A) Supply Output.**

~~Power supply to premises wiring systems fed by stand-alone or isolated microgrid power sources shall be permitted to have less capacity than the calculated load. The capacity of the sum of all sources of the stand-alone supply shall be equal to or greater than the load posed by the largest single utilization equipment connected to the system. Calculated general lighting loads shall not be considered as a single load have adequate capacity to meet the calculated load in accordance with Article 220.~~

~~Informational Note: For general use loads the system capacity can be calculated using the sum of the capacity of the firm sources, such as generators and ESS inverters. For specialty loads intended to be powered directly from a variable source, the capacity can be calculated using the sum of the variable sources, such as PV or wind inverters, or the combined capacity of both firm and variable sources.~~

~~(REASON FOR CHANGE: The Scope of the Article has been clarified and the amendment is no longer necessary.)~~

**END**