
CURRENT CODE CYCLE:

2023 National Electrical Code

COMMON CODE QUESTIONS:

NEC Article 110.24 field marking of service equipment?

Article 110.24 requires field marking of service equipment at other than dwelling units that shall be legibly marked in the field with the available fault current. The markings shall include the date the fault calculation was performed and to be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved. The calculation shall be documented and made available to those authorized to design, install, inspect, maintain, or operate the system. Any equipment operating with ratings less than the available fault current is potentially unsafe.

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DID YOU KNOW!!??

We are in a new code cycle year. Email blast to all licensees will be sent out soon with board's proposed amendments and how to make a comment". Here's a quick summary of Maine's Electrical Code Adoption Process

1. Rule Proposal

The Electricians' Examining Board (EEB) prepares a proposed rule to adopt a new NEC edition and any Maine-specific amendments.

2. Public Notice Issued

The proposal is posted by the Maine Secretary of State under "Proposed Rules." This notice includes:

- the proposed code edition,
- any amendments,
- how to submit comments, and
- the deadline for doing so.

3. Public Comment Period

The public is given a set period (commonly 30 days) to submit written comments by email or mail.

4. Public Hearing (if held)

Sometimes the EEB schedules a hearing.

- It allows stakeholders—inspectors, electricians, contractors, utilities, etc.—to speak directly to the Board.
- Hearings may be optional unless specifically requested.

5. Board Review of Comments

After the comment period closes, the Board

Do I need to bond the conduit at the utility's pole on a service lateral installation?

Yes! The NEC Article 250.4 is where you'll find the requirements grounding and bonding normally non-current carrying conductive materials. Usually, the utility company provides a grounding conductor down the pole which you can use to bond your section of rigid steel or your 90. This is something important to ask them for when you do your installation. A ground rod driven at the pole alone **does not** qualify.



EXAMPLE OF PROPER CONDUIT GROUNDING ON THE SERVICE LATERAL

Common NEC Violations...

Circuit breakers / overcurrent protection devices cannot be installed in bathrooms

We've been seeing this a lot lately and NEC Article 240.24 E clearly says that overcurrent devices cannot be in a bathroom.



EXAMPLE VIOLATION OF NEC ARTICLE 240.24

reviews all input, discusses concerns, and may adjust amendments or timelines.

6. Final Adoption

The Board finalizes the rule, which is then filed with the Secretary of State.

The new electrical code becomes enforceable on the effective date listed in the final rule.

We encourage you to take part in the public comment process or attend the public hearing.

Inspections!!!!

To help us serve you better, please call us for rough in inspections. Not only is it required by our statutes it will help us all! We can answer questions and help avoid possible NEC violations during a crucial time of the construction process.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

ADU's are considered a multi-family dwelling. Even if they are calling it an "in-law apartment", we will be looking for a permit and inspections. You will also have to meet NEC 240.24 occupant access to overcurrent protective devices and NEC 210.25 branch circuits shall only supply loads located within or associated with that unit.

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