

**ORDINANCE NO. 2504**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156,  
ELECTRICAL CODE, OF THE ROBINS  
MUNICIPAL CODE, ROBINS, IOWA**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBINS, IOWA, that the Municipal Code of the City of Robins, Iowa is amended as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 156 “Table of Contents” for “Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**CHAPTER 156**

**ELECTRICAL CODE**

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**SECTION 2:** Chapter 156.03 “Schedule of Permit Fees” for “Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**156.03 SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 404.2 of the *ICC Electrical Code—Administrative Provisions* and replacing said section with a new section as follows:

**SECTION 404.2.** Schedule of Permit Fees. A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with Schedule E-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution.

**SECTION 3:** Chapter 156.05 “Penalties” for “Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**156.05 PENALTIES.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 1003.1 to *ICC Electrical Code--Administrative Provisions* and replacing said section with a new section as follows:

**SECTION 1003.1. PENALTIES.** Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this code or who fails to carry out an order made pursuant to this code or violates any condition attached to a permit, approval or certificate shall be subject to enforcement and penalties as provided section 1.14 of the Code of Ordinances or may be cited as a municipal infraction under chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 4:** Chapter 156.06 “**Electrical Board of Appeals**” for “**Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE**” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### **156.06 ELECTRICAL BOARD OF APPEALS.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by deleting Chapter 11, Means of Appeal of the *ICC Electrical Code--Administrative Provisions* and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**CHAPTER 11 MEANS OF APPEAL.** In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this Code, there shall be and is hereby created a Board of Appeals, consisting of the members of the Construction Codes Review Board as established in City of Robins Code of Ordinances Section 155.12. The Building Official or designated representative shall be an ex-officio member without a vote and shall act as secretary of the Board.

The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the Building Official with a duplicate copy to the appellant and may recommend to the City Council such new legislation as is consistent therewith. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless there are no appeals or business on file for a hearing.

Nominal appeal fee to the Board of Appeals shall be paid as set forth in Table E-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution of the City Council. The appeal shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the Board approval to the commencement of work and to the completion of work undertaken pursuant to the approval.

The Board shall have no authority to interpretation of the administration of this code nor shall such board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.

**FAILURE TO ACT.** In case an appellant or applicant does not exercise his/her rights, act, begin construction or operation or occupancy, as the case may be, in accordance with any appeal, variance or permit granted by the Board within one year after the matter has been acted upon by the Board, such variance or permit shall become null and void.

**SECTION 5:** Chapter 156.08 “Clear Space” for “Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**156.08 CLEAR SPACE.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by adding a Section 110.26 (B)(1) to the *National Electrical Code, 2023 Edition* as follows:

**SECTION 110.26(B)(1) CLEAR SPACES.** For electrical equipment located in rooms that contain storage areas, the required working clearances as prescribed in this Article shall be maintained by providing approved rigid barriers and labels.

Exception 1: Within individual residential dwelling units.

Exception 2: Where barriers would obstruct exit pathways the authority having jurisdiction for enforcing this Code may grant an exception or approve an alternate method.

Informational Note: Barriers shall be a minimum of 36 inches in height, the full width of the required working area and meet the load requirements as prescribed by the Building Code for guardrails.

**SECTION 6:** Chapter 156.09 “Receptacles” for “Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**156.09 DWELLING UNITS.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by deleting article 210.8(A), “Dwelling Units,” and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section:

“210.8(A) Dwelling Units.

All 123-volt, 15- and 20- ampere 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
2. Garages and also accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below ground level not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use.
3. Outdoors
4. Crawl spaces – at or below grade level
5. Basements
6. Kitchens
7. Areas with sinks and permanent provisions for food preparation, beverage preparation, or cooking,

8. Sinks – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall.
9. Boathouses
10. Bathtubs or shower stalls – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall
11. Laundry areas.
12. Indoor damp and wet locations”

**SECTION 7:** Chapter 156.10 “**Specific Appliances**” for “**Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE**” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### **156.10 SPECIFIC APPLIANCES.**

The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by deleting article 210.8(D), “Specific Appliances,” and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section

“210.8(D) Specific Appliances.

GFCI protection shall be provided for the branch circuit or outlet supplying the following appliances rated 150 volts or less to ground and 60 amperes or less, single- or 3-phase:

1. Automotive vacuum machines
2. Drinking water coolers and bottle fill stations
3. High-pressure spray washing machines
4. Tire inflation machines
5. Vending machines
6. Sump pumps
7. Dishwashers
8. Microwave ovens”

**SECTION 8:** Chapter 156.11 “**Outdoor Outlets**” for “**Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE**” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following

#### **156.11 OUTDOOR OUTLETS.**

Delete Article 210.8(F), “Outdoor Outlets.”

**SECTION 9:** Chapter 156.12 “**Services**” for “**Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE**” is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### **156.12 SERVICES.**

1. The Robins Electrical Code is hereby amended by adding a second paragraph to Section 230.26 of the *National Electrical Code*, 2023 Edition, as follows:

Where a service mast is used for the support of service drop conductors, the service raceway shall be a minimum of two-inch (2") rigid galvanized steel conduit, and possess the ability to withstand safely the strain imposed by the service-drop or overhead service conductors. Hubs intended for use with a conduit that serves as a service mast shall be identified for use with service-entrance equipment.

**SECTION 9: "Chapter 156 – ELECTRICAL CODE"** of the Robins Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following section:

**156.14 LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS.**

**1. Title and purpose.** This section shall be known as the "City of Robins, Iowa, Electrical Licensing Code." The purpose of this section is to provide for the licensing and insuring of electrical apprentices, journeymen and contractors in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.

**2. Licensing required.** No person shall install, alter, and add to, repair, relocate, replace or maintain any electrical system within the City unless such person meets the requirements of rules for State of Iowa licensing as established by the State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board, and has obtained a permit for said electrical work from the Building Official according to the provisions of the Robins Electrical Code.

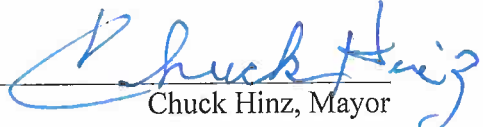
**3. Violations.** Violations of this section shall be punished as provided in 1.14 of the Code of Ordinances or may be cited as a municipal infraction under Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 10:** Repealed. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are repealed.

**SECTION 11:** Severability. If any section, provision, or part of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 12:** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October, 2025

  
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Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer

