ORDINANCE NO. 1232

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 12, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 12-301, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, That East Ridge City Code, Article 12, Chapter 3, Section 12-301 be and hereby is amended by deleting the present Section 12-301 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 12-301. Code Adopted.

The National Electrical Code of 2023 (NFPA 70: National Electrical Code, International Electrical Code Series) is hereby adopted as the official electrical code of the City. Such Code is adopted by reference pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §6-54-501 through §6-54-506. The tables and examples included in Annexes A-E the National Electrical Code of 2023 are not adopted by the City of East Ridge. The provisions of such National Electrical Code shall be in full force and effect to the same extent as if such provisions were copied verbatim herein, except as amended by section 12-307.

Section 12-306. Fees

Permit Fee	$50.00
Inspection Fee Per Inspection	$35.00
Re-Inspection Fee	$35.00
Consultation Base Fee. Hourly after 30 min.	$35.00
Power Out over a year	$50.00

Any inspection that requires more than 30 minutes will be assessed at an hourly rate of $35.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that section 12-307 be and hereby is amended by deleting the present Section 12-307 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 12-307. Amendments to the Code Adopted.

The following sections of the National Electrical Code, Edition 2023, are hereby amended, as hereinafter approved:

(a) Sections 110.24(B), Available Fault Current shall be optional;

(b) Section 210.8 (A) is amended to make the 250-volt receptacles for garages, kitchens, and laundry, plus refrigerators further than 6' from sinks, optional;

(c) Sections 210.12 is amended so as to make Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters ("AFCIs") optional for laundry areas and for branch circuits dedicated to supplying refrigeration equipment;

(d) Section 210.19(C) is amended to delete said section in its entirety and substitute in lieu thereof the requirement that all range taps shall be on separate wired circuits; and

(e) Section 210.52(C)(2) – Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces Receptacle Outlets. The installation of a receptacle outlet at the island, peninsula, or work surface is at the discretion of the builder or homeowner and is not required by this section. If installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, it shall be installed in accordance with 210.52(C)(3). If a receptacle outlet is not provided to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, provisions for a future receptacle shall be required only when the structure is built on a concrete slab (slab-on-grade foundation). For slab-on-grade foundations, acceptable provisions for a future receptacle shall include:

1. A raceway system extending from an accessible outlet box to a box or stub-up located in the island or peninsula.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2026, and all designs, drawings and plans submitted on or after January 1, 2026, shall conform to the National Electrical Code of 2023 as adopted and amended herein.

Passed first reading September 11, 2025

Passed second reading September 25, 2025

Brian W. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott Miller, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark W. Litchford, City Attorney