



January 23, 2018

NOTICE TO ALL BUILDING PERMIT APPLICANTS

All building permits issued on or after February 1, 2018, will be inspected based on the 2014 National Electric Code and the 2015 I-Codes per the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC). Please see the listed code sections below that have been most frequently in need of clarification. This is not an all-inclusive list of changes. If you have further questions feel free to contact this office. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Contractor / Subcontractor to ensure his/her work complies with the most current code requirements.

210.8 Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter Protection (GFCI) for Personnel. Ground-Fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel shall be provided as required in 210.8(A) through (D). The ground fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in a **readily accessible location.**

Readily Accessible: Capable of being reached quickly for operation, renewal, or inspections without requiring those to whom ready access is requisite to actions such as to use tools, to climb over or remove obstacles, or to resort to portable ladders, and so forth

Editor Note: This requires the test/reset location to be located in an area not hidden behind obstacles or in a hard to reach location.

A. (8) Sinks where receptacles are installed within 6 feet of the outside edge of the sink.

Editor Note: This now includes those receptacles located in kitchens.

A. (10) Laundry Areas.

Editor note: the required laundry receptacle shall have no other outlet per 210.11 (C)2). If additional outlet provided, it shall be on a separate circuit and have both GFCI and AFCI protection.

D. Kitchen Dishwasher Branch Circuit. GFCI protection shall be provided for outlets that supply dishwashers installed in dwelling unit locations.

210.12 Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter Protection (AFCI). Arc fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel shall be provided as required in 210.12 (A)(B) and (C). The arc fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in a **readily accessible location.**

A. Dwelling Units. All 120-volt, single phase, 15- and 20- ampere branch circuits supplying outlets or **devices** installed in dwelling unit **kitchens**, family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, **laundry areas**, or similar rooms or areas shall be protected **by any of the means described in 210.12(A)(1) through (6)**

Notice cont'd.

Editor Note: AFCI protection required in 15- and 20- ampere branch circuits supplying room, not just receptacle outlets. This extends to both microwave, refrigerators, lighting and laundry receptacles as well.

210.52 (C) (4) Separate Spaces. Countertop spaces separated by range tops, refrigerators, or sinks shall be considered as separate countertop spaces in applying the requirements of 21.52(C)(1... If the distance behind the range top, refrigerator, or sink is less than 12 inches.

Editor Note: This regulation applies to all countertops including peninsulas and islands.

210.52 (G)(1) Required Outlets Garages. In each attached garage and in each detached garage with electric power. The branch circuit supplying this receptacle(s) **shall not supply outlets outside of the garage. At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed for each car space.**

Editor Note: No longer allowed to jump out to exterior receptacles and requirement adds an additional receptacle for each car space.

406.12 Tamper Resistant Receptacles. Tamper resistant receptacles shall be installed as specified in 406.12(A)-(C).

A. Dwelling Units. In all areas specified in 210.52, all nonlocking-type 125 volt, 12-20 ampere receptacles shall be listed tamper resistant receptacles.

B. Guest Rooms and Guest Suites of Hotels and Motels. All nonlocking-type 125 volt, 12-20 ampere receptacles located in guest rooms and guest suits of hotels and motels shall be listed tamper resistant receptacles.

C. Child Care Facilities. In all child care facilities, all nonlocking-type 125 volt, 12-20 ampere receptacles shall be listed tamper resistant receptacles.



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Greetings fellow members and industry professionals!

As many of you know, on June 14, 2017, Governor John Bell Edwards signed Executive Order No. JBE 17-14 suspending the authority of the Louisiana Construction Code Council from adopting and replacing the current construction code with the 2015 editions of the applicable ICC codes and the 2014 edition of the NEC. This action suspended the adoption of the new codes and left the existing codes in place. On December 13th, Governor Edwards signed Executive Order No. JBE 17-32, which rescinded the suspension and allows the following adopted codes to go into effect February 1, 2018:

- International Building Code, as amended;
- International Residential Code, as amended;
 - Including amendments to Part V – Mechanical;
 - Part VII – Plumbing remains as written;
- International Plumbing Code, as amended for commercial construction;
- International Existing Building Code;
- International Mechanical Code;
- International Fuel Gas Code; and,
- NFPA 70, 2014 National Electrical Code

If you have any questions regarding the codes and their adoption, please contact Mark Joiner, Administrator, Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, (225) 922-0817 or mark.joiner@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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