

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

BILL NO. 2025-8

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 (ELECTRICAL STANDARDS) OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE BY UPDATING § 82-2 THEREOF TO ADOPT THE 2023 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, AND AS UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME, AS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS BILL SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ELECTRICAL STANDARDS IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 10-317(a)(4), the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland (the "County Council") is authorized and empowered to enact local laws to protect and promote public safety, health, morals, comfort, and welfare relating to the erection, construction, repair, and use of buildings and other structures in Dorchester County, Maryland (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 12-603, each electrical installation in the State of Maryland shall conform to the National Electrical Code or the electrical code and amendments adopted by the county in which the electrical installation is done; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing statutory authority, the County Council has adopted the National Electrical Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, as the minimum standards for electrical work in the County, as more fully set forth in § 82-2 of the Dorchester County Code (the "County Code"); and

WHEREAS, the County Council is desirous of amending § 82-2 of the County Code to adopt the 2023 Edition of the National Electrical Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, and as updated from time to time, as the minimum standards for electrical work in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the enactments set forth herein are necessary to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION ONE: Acting under Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 10-317(a)(4), Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 12-603, and Chapter 82 of the County Code, be it ENACTED and ORDAINED

by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that Chapter 82 (Electrical Standards) of the County Code be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 82-2 Adoption of standards by reference.

The **2023 Edition of the** National Electrical Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association as the standards for electrical work, **and as updated from time to time,** is hereby adopted as the minimum standards for electrical work in Dorchester County, and those standards are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION TWO: With respect to the substantive provisions of this Bill set forth in Section I, additions are shown in bold, underlined font and deletions are shown in strikethrough. Substantive language added after the date of introduction is in bold, italicized font and substantive language deleted after the date of introduction is crossed out with a double strikethrough.

SECTION THREE: And be it further enacted and ordained that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Bill is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bill, it being the intent of the County Council that this Bill shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION FOUR: And be it further enacted and ordained that all bills, ordinances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FIVE: And be it further enacted and ordained that General Code Publishers is directed to codify the above amendments to the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION SIX: And be it further enacted and ordained pursuant to § 308 of the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland that promptly after enactment of this Act, the County Manager shall cause a fair summary of this Act to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECTION SEVEN: And be it further enacted and ordained that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2025-8 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:


Jerry Jones, County Manager

BY:


George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President

Pfeffer Aye

Detmer - Aye

Kramer - Aye

Nichols - Aye

Travers - Aye