REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent

December 18, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Ordinance: Electrical Code Advisory and Appeals Board (M07-081)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt an **Ordinance** amending section 2.50.040 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the Electrical Code Advisory and Appeals Board

Contact: Chris Dougherty, Assistant Planner, (916) 808-5680; Sandra Yope, Senior Planner, (916) 808-7158

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Development Services

Division: Building

Organization No: 4883

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City is mandated by the State of California to establish and maintain the Electrical Code Advisory and Appeals Board. Currently, the City requires the three person Advisory and Appeals Board to have one of the following professionals from the industry on the board; a registered electrical engineer, a licensed electrical contractor and an employee of an electrical testing laboratory.

The proposed amendment would remove the requirement to have an employee of an electrical testing laboratory and choose from either of the other categories. This will give the City the flexibility needed to fully staff the board as mandated by the State of California.

Policy Considerations: The adoption of the proposed ordinance would enable the City of Sacramento to maintain the appeals board as mandated by the State of California in California Code of Regulations, Title 24 Part 2, the California Building Code.

Committee/Commission Action: At the time this report was drafted, this item had not been heard before any committee or commission. This item will go before the Law and Legislation Committee on December 4, 2007.

Environmental Considerations: The proposed ordinance is not considered a project, as it has no potential for a significant effect on the environment, and is therefore exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

Rationale for Recommendation: Recently, the member of the Board who was the employee of an electrical testing laboratory retired, leaving a vacancy on the board. The City cannot find a person with the needed qualification to fill this vacancy due to a lack of available professionals in this field. The proposed amendment would give the City the flexibility needed to fill a vacancy on the Electrical Code Advisory and Appeals Board.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Robert L. Chase, AIA
Chief Building Official

Approved by: _____
William Thomas
Director of Development Services

Recommendation Approved:

for _____

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

The Electrical Code Advisory & Appeals Board is a City advisory Board comprised of three building industry experts who specialize in the electrical field. The Board advises the Chief Building Official on policy issues as well as appeals of Building Code interpretations by the Chief Building Official. Should the Board concur with the Chief Building Official's initial interpretation, building permit applicants may request an appeal to City Council via call-up protocol.

Attachment 2

Red-lined
ORDINANCE NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Date Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.50.040 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. Section 2.50.040 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

2.50.040 Board membership.

The board shall consist of three members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council, subject to the following requirements:

A. One member shall be a California registered electrical engineer who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment;

B. One member shall be a California licensed electrical contractor who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment;

C. One member shall be ~~an employee of an electrical testing laboratory who has been so employed~~ either:

1. A California registered electrical engineer who has been licensed and has practiced in California for at least three years immediately preceding appointment; or

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