

**ORDINANCE # 94485-0918**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 8 OF CITY CODE TO BRING THE CITY OF MUSCATINE INTO BETTER ALIGNMENT WITH THE MOST RECENT ADDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the most recent edition of the National Electric Code, as amended and published by the National Fire Protection Association, has been adopted as the Electrical Code for the City of Muscatine, Iowa, insofar as they do not conflict with the regulations set out in Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 edition is most recent edition of the National Electric Code, and except for as specifically amended in Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the City Code, is the Electrical Code for the City Muscatine; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8-3-2(D), (E), and (F) of City Code, have been in City Code since 1986, and they establish regulations for the use of armored construction for wiring, conduit wiring, and the use of Romex wiring, these regulations supersede those found in the 2017 edition of the National Electric Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 The National Electric Code was changed the allowed use of Romex in many types of buildings limited by their size and use rather than solely residential vs. non-residential as was previously required in the National Electric Code; and

**WHEREAS**, City has not been changed to reflect this change in the National Electric Code, which in turn restricts contractors in what they can do without increasing building safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Tie National Electric Code covers the use of armored construction for wiring, conduit wiring, and the use of Romex wiring issues with much more flexibility than does City Code without sacrificing safety;

**WHEREAS**, the current addition National Electric Code now covers the use of armored construction for wiring, making Section 8-3-2(D) redundant and unnecessary as the National Electric Code adequately addresses this topic; and

**WHEREAS**, less amendments to the building codes keeps things simpler for all parties involved and makes it easier to build in Muscatine without sacrifice building quality or safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA:**

**SECTION 1.**

**Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection D of the City Code: Electrical Code, Armored Construction is hereby repealed.**

**SECTION 2.**

Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection E of the City Code: Electrical Code, Unarmored Construction is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.**

Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection F of the City Code: Electrical Code, Conduit Writing is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.**

Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection G of the City Code: Electrical Code, Workmanship is hereby renumbered as Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, Subsection D of the City Code.

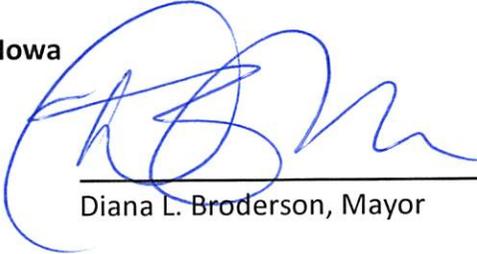
**SECTION 5.** Any Ordinance or part thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after the passage, approval and publication of this ordinance, as provided by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

By the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa



  
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Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk

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