

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (“BUILDINGS”), ARTICLE 3 (“ELECTRIC CODE”) OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO ADOPT THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) is a home rule unit of government as provided by the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11-30-1 *et seq.* of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-30-1 *et seq.*, and pursuant to its home rule powers, the Village has determined to adopt *2023 National Electric Code* as set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Adoption of Codes and Records Act, 50 ILCS 220/0.01 *et seq.* (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), the Village is authorized to adopt by reference any code, as that term is defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the *2023 National Electric Code* (hereinafter referred to as the “NEC”) is a code as defined in the Act and the *Code* has been available for viewing as required by the Act and pursuant to Section 1-2-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-3.1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Chapter 7 (“Buildings”), Article 3 (“Electric Code”), Section 7-3-1 (“Adoption”) of the Oak Park Village Code is amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the overstricken language to read as follows:

7-3-1: ADOPTION:

- A. The 2023 National Electric Code (NEC), as published by the NFPA (aka NFPA 70), is hereby adopted by the Village by reference and is made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this section with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes set forth in section 7-13-2 of this article. To the extent that the provisions of the NEC are inconsistent with any codes previously adopted by the Village by reference, the provisions of the 2023 NEC shall govern unless specifically set forth in this code. In the event of a conflict between any provisions of the NEC and any provision of the Oak Park village code, the provisions of the Oak Park village code shall govern.

7-3-2: AMENDMENTS:

The 2023 National Electric Code, as adopted pursuant to section 7-3-1 of this article is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the overstricken language as follows:

ARTICLE 110 - Requirements for Electrical Installations

Section 110.26 Spaces About Electrical Equipment.

Add the following sentence to Section 110.26: The working space and access shall be entirely on the legal property which the equipment serves or public right-of-way.

ARTICLE 210 - Branch Circuits

Section 210.50 Receptacle Outlets

Add the following sentence to Section 210.50 (G) (1):

Provide minimum of one receptacle outlet on the outside of each garage and not more than 1.7 m (5 ½ ft) above grade.

ARTICLE 230 - Services

Section 230.43 Wiring Methods For 1000 Volts, Nominal, Or Less. Remove the following method from the list of approved service-entrance conductors:

~~(1) Open wiring on insulators.~~

ARTICLE 250 – Grounding and Bonding

Section 225.10 Wiring on Buildings (or other structures) Remove the following method from the list of approved methods of installing wiring on buildings or other structures:

~~(11) Open wiring on insulators~~

Section 250.118 Types of Equipment Grounding Conductors

(A) Permitted is modified to list items (2), (3), and (4) to read as follows:

- (2) Rigid metal conduit installed above ground.
- (3) Intermediate metal conduit installed above ground.
- (4) Electrical metallic tubing installed above ground.

ARTICLE 314 – Outlet, Device, Pull, and Junction Boxes

Section 314.27 Outlet Boxes

Add the following new paragraph to 314.27:

(A) (3) Where a lighting outlet installed in the ceiling of a dwelling unit is located such that the location makes it feasible to attach a ceiling fan to the outlet box, the outlet box shall be listed for sole support of a ceiling suspended (paddle) fan, regardless of the initial intentions of use for the outlet box.

Section 4. Identification of Ordinance with the Illinois Capital Development Board.

This Ordinance shall be identified on the Internet by the Illinois Capital Development Board or any successor agency of the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 1-2-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-3.1.

Section 5. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law or January 1, 2026, whichever is later.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

I, Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk of the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance Number 25-118, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ("BUILDINGS"), ARTICLE 3 ("ELECTRIC CODE") OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO ADOPT THE 2024 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE," which was adopted by the corporate authorities of the Village of Oak Park and will become in effect thirty days after its approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois aforesaid, at the said Village, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, on _____, 2025.

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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