

CITY OF OTTAWA ELECTRICAL EXAM

The City of Ottawa requires that electricians performing electrical work in Ottawa must be licensed by the City of Ottawa by having taken the City's written electrical exam or prove they are licensed by another Illinois community that offers a written examination and be in good standing in that community. Most communities honor an Ottawa license. However, some require that a person take their own City exam to work in their community.

Ottawa's written examination was compiled by an Electrical Commission. The Commission is comprised of the following: City of Ottawa Electrical Inspector, a representative of City of Ottawa Fire Dept., a registered electrical contractor, a licensed electrician employed by a firm other than that of the contractor member, a representative of the electrical power company that serves the City and a licensed professional engineer. The City offers only one class of Electrical License.

The open-book exam covers residential, industrial and commercial material. The test is monitored. Those taking the test are not allowed to leave the building, confer with each other or use cell phones during the testing process. The test has 100 questions. A score of 80% or higher must be attained to pass the exam. Those taking the exam must be 21 or older, bring their own copy of the NEC 2008 for reference and a photo ID. Calculators are not necessary. Snacks or sack lunches are allowed to be brought into the exam room.

Once the exam is passed, an Electrician's License from the City can be obtained for a \$100 fee. Licenses are valid from January 1 through December 31 and must be renewed annually. Those not renewing their license annually by skipping a year will be required to retest or appeal to the Electrical Commission to have their license reinstated.

To register for the next scheduled examination, call 815-433-0161, ext. 24. You will be required to pay the \$50 examination fee at the time you register to reserve a seat. Credit cards are accepted. **This exam fee is non-refundable.**

The next City of Ottawa Electrical Exam date that is available:

**To Be Announced
8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 301 West Madison Street,
Ottawa, Illinois.**