

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 has an Electrical Commission that oversees the examination policy and process. 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 and is based on the NEC 2011 Code Book and City of Ottawa Ordinance. A score of 80% or higher must be attained to pass the exam. Those taking the exam must be 21 or older and need only to bring a photo ID with them to the exam. 2011 Code Books will be provided by the City for reference during the exam. No notes or reference books are allowed to be brought in. Calculators are not necessary. Snacks or sack lunches can 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 or more will be required to retest or send a written appeal to the Electrical Commission requesting their license be 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 is:

**Thursday - May 10, 2012
8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 301 West Madison Street,
Ottawa, Illinois 61350**