

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby set the **18th day February, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall, Town of Poughkeepsie, One Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, as the time, date and place of a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens may be heard in regard to the following:

“To Consider the Adoption of a Local Law of an amendment to Town Code Chapter 91, entitled “Electrical Inspections””

AND PLEASE ALSO TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Proposed Local Law is available in full with Exhibit to preview on our website:

<https://ny-poughkeepsietown.civicplus.com/300/Public-Hearings>

Or in person @ the Town Clerk’s Office, Monday – Friday, 8AM – 4PM.

Felicia Salvatore, Town Clerk
Town of Poughkeepsie
January 22, 2026

RESOLUTION 1:21 - # 14 OF 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby set the 18th day of February, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, Town of Poughkeepsie, One Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, New York, as and for the time, date and place of a public hearing to consider the adoption by local law of an amendment to Town Code Chapter 91, entitled "Electrical Inspections", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed local law is attached hereto, and the Town Board does hereby waive a verbatim reading of said amendments and does direct that they be spread across the record as if they, in fact, had been read verbatim; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the local law is a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA requiring no further environmental review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said local law, if adopted, shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Dated: January 21, 2026

Moved: Barbara Laird

Seconded: Ann Shershin

Motion passes/ fails: Ayes 7 Nays 0

ES/mem
t-1/14/2026
m-1/21/2026

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilman Reuter	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilwoman Laird	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilman Thangiah	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilwoman Watson	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilman Sharpe	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Councilwoman Shershin	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
<u>PRESENT</u> /ABSENT Supervisor Edwards	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
POUGHKEEPSIE, ENTITLED "ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS"**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This local law amends Chapter 91 of the Code of the Town of Poughkeepsie, entitled "Electrical Inspections," to improve the operation of the Town's electrical inspection procedures.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSION

This law is enacted pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(6), (11) and (12) of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Section 64(10-b) and (24) of the Town Law. It is the intention of the Town Board to supersede any inconsistent terms in state law to the extent authorized by the Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The Town of Poughkeepsie desires to streamline and improve its procedures for the appointment of and enforcement of duties by certified electrical inspectors.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 91 OF THE TOWN CODE

Chapter 91 of the Town Code is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 91-1. Inspectors designated.

- A. At the reorganizational meeting held each January by the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie, duly qualified electrical inspectors shall be appointed to act as agents of the Town to make any inspections and reinspections of all electrical installations, heretofore and hereinafter described, and to approve or disapprove the same. The Town shall appoint no less than three inspecting agencies and their individual inspectors for one-year terms. The list of nominations for the appointments shall be generated by recommendations of the Building Department of the Town of Poughkeepsie. The criteria for the appointments may include any state requirements for the certification of electrical inspectors as well as a minimum number of years of experience. Any inspector or inspecting agency may be removed from the list of appointed inspectors by resolution of the Town Board at any point during their term.
- B. The determination to engage an approved electrical inspector, as necessary, to perform a herein described electrical inspection shall be at the discretion of the Building Inspector.

§ 91-2. Duties of Electrical Inspector.

- A. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to report in writing to the Chief Building Inspector,

whose duty it shall be to enforce all provisions of this Code, all violations or deviations from or omissions of the electrical provisions of the Building Code applicable to the Town of Poughkeepsie and of all local laws, ordinances and the Building Code as referred to in this chapter insofar as any of the same apply to electrical wiring. The Inspector shall make inspections and reinspections of electrical installations in and on properties in the Town of Poughkeepsie upon the written request of an authorized official of the Town of Poughkeepsie or as herein provided. The Inspector is authorized to make inspections and reinspections of electrical wiring, installations, devices, appliances and equipment in or on properties within the Town of Poughkeepsie where he or she deems it necessary for the protection of life and property. In the event of an emergency, it is the duty of the Inspector to make electrical inspection upon the oral request of an official or officer of the Town of Poughkeepsie.

- B. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to furnish written reports to the proper officials of the Town of Poughkeepsie and owners and/or lessees of property where defective electrical installations and equipment are found upon inspection. He or she shall authorize the issuing of a certificate of compliance when electrical installations and equipment are in conformity with this chapter. He or she shall direct that a copy of the certificate of compliance be sent to the Town of Poughkeepsie to the attention of the Building Inspector.
- C. Upon conclusion of an inspection where the installation has failed to comply with applicable codes, a red sticker shall be placed on the service panel to indicate such failure. The electrical inspector shall also complete a report concerning said failure which shall be forwarded to the Town of Poughkeepsie Building Department within 48 hours of the inspection. A form indicating that corrections have been made and indicating the approval of the electrical inspector shall be submitted to the Town of Poughkeepsie Building Department within 48 hours of the inspection.
- D. Failure to follow the procedures outlined in this chapter and failure to follow any administrative procedures set by the Town of Poughkeepsie Building Department may be grounds for denial of a reappointment.

§ 91-3. Penalties for offenses.

- A. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person, firm or corporation to install or cause to be installed or to alter electrical wiring for light, heat or power in or on properties of the Town of Poughkeepsie until an application for electrical permit is approved by the Building Department. It shall be a violation of this chapter for a person, firm or corporation to connect or cause to be connected electrical wiring in or on properties for light, heat or power to any source of electrical energy supply, prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate or a certificate of compliance by the Town of Poughkeepsie. Violations of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both.
- B. In addition to any other remedies set forth herein authorizing the Town to enforce the provisions of this chapter, establishing penalties, and setting forth additional remedies, the person charged with the responsibility to enforce the provisions of this chapter may impose a civil fine or agree to a civil fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day of the violation. If said civil fine is imposed, then the alleged violator may appeal to the Town Board.

SECTION 5. SUPERSESSION

To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this Local Law shall be adjudicated in any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and such invalidity shall not be deemed to affect the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately after it is filed with the Secretary of State.

Chapter 91

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

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Duties of Electrical Inspector.

§ 91-3.

Penalties for offenses.

~~{HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie 12-6-1977 (Part II, Ch. 5, Art. III, of the 1964 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.}~~

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 68.

Fire prevention — See Ch. 110.

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- ~~B. Once appointed, the agencies shall each provide within 48 hours to the Building Department of the Town of Poughkeepsie a list of inspectors employed by them who would be performing inspections within the Town of Poughkeepsie. This list shall also include original signatures of these inspectors. Any additions or deletions by the agency to this list will be sent immediately to the Building Department of the Town of Poughkeepsie. This list shall be updated in its entirety each time that the agency is reappointed.~~
- C. B. The determination to engage an approved electrical inspector, as necessary, to perform a herein described electrical inspection shall be at the discretion of the Building Inspector.

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