

**Adopted July 8, 1998**

**ELECTRICAL PERMIT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Georgia Law, the Evans County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish by ordinance or resolution such local law, rules and regulations, not in conflict with State or federal law, relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Provider of electric service" means any utility company, person, firm, corporation or partnership which sells, furnishes or delivers for sale electrical service within Evans County, Georgia.
- (b) "Purchaser" means any person, firm, corporation, society, partnership, club or association, who purchases or causes to be purchased electrical service within Evans County, Georgia.
- (c) "Structure" means any building or structure or part thereof used and occupied for human habitation or commercial, industrial, or business uses or intended to be so used, and includes any outhouses or other buildings of any design.

**SECTION 2. ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- (a) In areas not designated to be within a flood plain, the service meters shall be mounted at an elevation not lower than 4 feet above average ground level.
- (b) In areas which have been designated to be in a flood plain area, the service meters shall be mounted at an elevation not lower than 8 feet above average ground level.
- (c) Service poles shall be installed no closer than 3 feet from any portion of the structure receiving electrical service.
- (d) Any electrical purchaser shall meet any additional requirements of the provider of the electrical service.

### **SECTION 3. OBTAINING ELECTRICAL PERMIT**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any provider of electrical service to furnish to any new purchaser or to reconnect or reestablish electrical service to any existing purchaser until the purchaser shall have obtained a valid electrical permit from the Tax Assessor's Office of Evans County, Georgia, certifying that the structure which is to receive the electrical service is in compliance with any and all electrical requirements of Evans County, Georgia, and of the provider of said electrical service.
- (b) No provider of electrical service shall provide additional electrical services to any existing purchaser without said purchaser having obtained a valid electrical permit from the Tax Assessor's Office of Evans County.

### **SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the following situations:

- (a) The provider of the electrical service is restoring service to a purchaser who had previously been disconnected due to non-payment of utility bills or actions of the elements.
- (b) The service is being connected to a commercial business.

### **SECTION 5. PENALTIES**

A violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of more than 12 months, and jurisdiction shall be in the State Court of Evans County.