

## ELECTRICAL PROGRAM OPERATING PLAN

# WASCO COUNTY

Updated January 5, 2022

### **Delegation of Authority**

#### A. Assume Enforcement Authority

Wasco County assumed enforcement and administration of the electrical safety program on July 1, 2019, under the authority of ORS 479.855.

#### B. Local Jurisdiction Formation

The electrical safety program encompasses all areas defined by Wasco County. The County employs two full-time Commercial and Residential Inspectors.

#### C. Adoption and Update of Local Ordinance

The State of Oregon Electrical Specialty Code is adopted locally through Ordinance 19-002 Section 1.(c)(6) of Wasco County. The fees associated with the Electrical Safety Program are adopted by Ordinance 19-002 Section 1.(c)(6) of Wasco County Ordinance.

The adopting ordinance is reviewed and updated annually pursuant to OAR 918-308-0190 and -0200.

#### D. Amendment of Existing Plan

Pursuant to OAR 918-308-0190 and 918-308-0200, Wasco County will annually review and update this operating plan.

### **Requirement for Continued Delegation**

#### A. Employment of Electrical Specialty Code Inspector

Wasco County employs one full-time Electrical Specialty Inspector.

B. Public Contact Procedure

The Electrical Inspector have established office hours of 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday of each week. The Electrical Inspector’s office is located at 2705 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street The Dalles, Oregon.

C. Code Interpretations/Dispute Resolution

The appropriate Electrical Inspector is responsible for all initial interpretations of the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code. If there is an appeal of a Residential Electrical Inspector’s decision, it is then reviewed by the Electrical Specialty Inspector. If there is an appeal of the Electrical Specialty Inspector’s decision, it is then reviewed by the Building Official. Further appeals are made to Chief Electrical Inspector of Department of Consumer and Business Services. Pursuant to ORS 479.853.

**Plan Review & Permit Procedures**

A. Permit Office

Building Code Services counter is open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Electrical permit applications are available by either ePermitting, Building Codes website, or picked up in person at our counter.

B. Electrical Plan Reviews

Electrical plan reviews are conducted in with OAR 918-311-0040.

C. Master Individual Inspection permit: ORS 479.565

D. Electrical Permit Issuance

The procedures followed by Wasco County Building Codes Services are in compliance with all applicable Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes.

**Accounting and Disposition of Revenues**

A. Accounting

All revenues collected under the Electrical Program are accounted under a separate account from other revenue accounts. Any surplus Electrical Program revenues are carried forward to the next fiscal year.

B. Disposition of Revenues

The fees collected by Wasco County for electrical permits and plan review are used solely for the administration of the Electrical Safety Program