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| 0780-02-01 | Electrical Installations |
| Rule Number | Rule Title |
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| 0780-02-01-.23 | Floating Cabins |

Chapter 0780-02-01
Electrical Installations
Amendments

Rule 0780-02-01-.04 Inspections is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language so that, as amended, the rule shall read:

- (1) Inspections of electrical installations may be conducted by deputy inspectors appointed under contract with the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-102-143. In circumstances where the need arises as determined by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or designee deputy fire marshals are authorized to conduct inspections of electrical installations.
- (a) Fees for such inspections for services, including all circuits connected thereto, based on total ascertainable ampere capacity, are specified in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21. If the total ampere capacity is not ascertainable, the inspector may negotiate the fee based on the estimated number of required inspections; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or designee prior to issuance of a permit.
 - (b) Fees charged for additional inspections, including inspections necessitated by rejections and inspections for circuits not previously connected to the service, shall be based on the ascertainable ampere capacity of the service or ascertainable ampere capacity of the previously unconnected circuit, and shall not exceed the maximum amounts specified in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21.
 - (c) Inspectors may not charge mileage in excess of the standard travel reimbursement rate, as determined by the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, per mile each way for any special trip(s) requested by a property owner or contractor. This mileage charge must be approved in advance by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or designee.
- (2)
- (a) Inspections shall be required on:
 - 1. Complete new installations;
 - 2. HVAC equipment;
 - 3. New services, re-connections, or changes in services to existing installations;
 - 4. Additions to existing installations, such as swimming pools, water well pumps to the wellhead, motor installations, additional rooms or spaces to existing buildings, grain drying equipment and out buildings;
 - 5. Heat cable installations before being concealed by plaster, sheet rock, or other methods;
 - 6. Conduit or raceways in or under masonry before covering with concrete or other permanent materials;
 - 7. Conductors or raceways installed in all structures. This inspection is required prior to the concealing of such conductors or raceways by wall covering materials or by insulation;
 - 8. Temporary services, which include temporary service poles and temporary service releases; and
 - 9. Electrical signs; and
 - 10. Floating cabins as defined by 18 C.F.R. § 1304.101.
 - (b) A minimum of two (2) inspections shall be required on wiring installed within or on public and private

buildings or other structures. The installer shall notify the electrical inspector in writing whenever any part of a wiring installation is to be hidden from view by insulation or the permanent placement of part of the building. No wiring or raceways shall be concealed until it has been inspected and approved by the inspector. A final inspection shall be requested upon completion of the entire electrical installation.

- (3) When the initial ("rough-in") inspection is conducted:
 - (a) All applicable circuit conductors and outlet boxes shall be installed;
 - (b) All joints shall be made; and
 - (c) All grounding connections shall be in compliance with Section 300.10 of the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code except as set forth in the exceptions enumerated in this subparagraph.
 1. Exception No. 1: Where that portion of an installation which constitutes service conductors and equipment is changed or modified.
 2. Exception No. 2: Where all wiring or raceway is exposed.
 3. Exception No. 3: The requirements of (a) above shall not apply where inspection is performed on raceway systems only.
- (4) The electrical contractor, the mechanical contractor, or the permit holder shall be responsible for ensuring the inspector has access to the site for inspection.
- (5) The permit holder shall notify the inspector when the electrical installation is ready for inspection.
- (6) Except as provided in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.05(2) and for installers licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, the inspector shall not issue a final certificate of approval on an installation performed by any person, firm, corporation or legal entity not duly licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6.
- (7) It is not intended that electric service to an existing installation be disrupted pending inspection of additions or changes to such service; however, an inspection shall be required within seven (7) days of re-connection by the Power Supplier.
- (8) Whenever service equipment has been changed out or upgraded on any existing structures, a safety inspection will be conducted pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-102-143(5).
- (9) Inspections shall not be required on:
 - (a) Minor repair work, such as replacement of lamps or connection of portable devices to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed; and
 - (b) Installation, alteration, or repair of electric wiring or equipment installed by an electrical distribution agency for use in the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electrical energy.
- (10) The inspector shall not issue a final certificate of approval on an installation if a building permit has not been obtained, if required, plans have not been reviewed and approved by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, if required, or all inspections have not been performed pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-23-.07.
- (11) For residential and commercial buildings, electrical power shall be supplied to the building in order for inspector to perform final inspection.
- (12) If an initial ("rough-in") inspection was not conducted as required and the covering of the wiring was inadvertent, the Commissioner or designee, may accept a letter from a professional engineer registered in Tennessee verifying the installation is compliant with the adopted electrical code and does not present any life-safety

hazards. Receptacles, switches, and light fixtures, however, must still be removed for inspection. Only one (1) letter may be obtained within a twelve (12) month period unless the person making the written request can show justifiable cause for granting a second request.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143, and 68-102-150.

Rule 0780-02-01-.05 Permits is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language so that, as amended, the rule shall read:

- (1) No electrical wiring on which an inspection is required by this chapter shall be installed without securing an electrical permit from the power distributor, local building official, Commissioner or designee, or other issuing agent authorized by the Commissioner or designee. Issuing agents may charge a fee of no more than five dollars (\$5.00) for the issuing of a permit. This fee is in addition to all applicable inspection fees in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21.
- (2) Residential and Non-residential Property Owner's Permits
 - (a) Any person may perform electrical work (for which an inspection is required) upon his/her own residence provided he/she first applies for and obtains a residential property owner's electrical permit. This permit shall only extend to the applicant and the immediate members of the applicant's family. The permit shall not authorize assistance by any other person not duly licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6. A residential property owner's permit shall automatically expire upon completion of the work for which the permit was issued. All work done under such permit shall be subject to regular inspection requirements and fees and other applicable laws and regulations. Only one (1) property owner's permit may be obtained within a twelve (12) month period unless the property owner can establish loss of his/her home by fire, windstorm, etc.; and,
 - (b) Any non-residential property owner may obtain a permit for electrical work to be performed on his/her property by an employee(s) licensed pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6, or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, who will be performing the work in accordance with his/her duties as an employee(s) of the property owner. A non-residential property owner's permit shall be limited to the specific property listed on the permit and shall automatically expire upon completion of the work for which the permit was issued. All work done under such permit shall be subject to regular inspection requirements and fees and other applicable laws and regulations.
- (3) No permit shall be required for installation of electrical systems by manufacturers of factory manufactured structures, recreational vehicles, or modular building units. This rule does not exempt owners of any manufactured home, recreational vehicle or modular building unit from the required installation permit and inspection governed by this chapter.
- (4) When applying for a permit, an applicant shall present:
 - (a) Payment in the amount of the permit fee; and
 - (b) Except for a residential property owner's permit, proof of licensure pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6 or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10. For a non-residential property owner's permit, the license number of the employee(s) to perform the work and certification that the employee(s) licensed pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6 or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, will be performing the work in accordance with his/her duties as an employee(s) of the property owner.
- (5) All electrical permits are non-transferable.
- (6) In the event of rejection of an electrical installation by the inspector, a new electrical permit must be applied for and obtained.
- (7) Every electrical permit shall expire two (2) years from the date of issue unless:

- (a) The inspector determines that substantial progress has been made in the work authorized by the permit; and
 - (b) The permit holder is granted an exception after submitting a written request to the Commissioner or designee. No electrical work for which a permit is required shall be commenced in any building or premises until a permit to perform such work is obtained.
- (8) A copy of the permit shall be posted onsite where the inspection is to occur before the first inspection is conducted. Failure to post the permit may result in a rejected inspection.
- (9) If a refund for a permit fee for inspection is requested, eighty-five percent (85%) of the permit fee, the fee that would have been paid to the inspector for the inspection, will be refunded. The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the permit fee is non-refundable to cover administrative and processing costs. Requests for refunds shall be made to the Division of Fire Prevention on the applicable form, completed in full, prior to an inspection being performed.
- (10) Bad payment will result in the revocation of an issued permit. Bad payment includes, but is not limited to, a returned check, dishonored electronic payment, or declined credit card payment.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143, and 68-102-150.

Rule 0780-02-01-.18 Permit Issuing Agents is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language so that, as amended, the rule shall read:

- (1) All individuals, including all business entities, municipalities, and cooperatives, who undertake to issue electrical permits under this chapter must hold a current contract with the Department of Commerce and Insurance, as administered through the Electrical Section of the Division of Fire Prevention.
- (2) State deputy electrical inspectors are ineligible to become issuing agents. Additionally, without prior approval from the Department, no individual or business entity in any way related to or financially associated with any Department official will be allowed to become an issuing agent.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113 and 68-102-143.

Rule 0780-02-01-.21 Inspection Fees is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language so that, as amended, the rule shall read:

The inspection fee for each inspection for services shall not exceed the following:

Fee Final Inspection

0-200 ampere capacity \$35.00

201-400 ampere capacity \$40.00

401-600 ampere capacity \$50.00

601-1000 ampere capacity \$90.00

1,001 ampere capacity and above ("Nonstandard permit") Fee is negotiable; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner, or designee.

Rough-in Inspection 0-1,000 ampere capacity \$35.00

1,001 ampere capacity and above \$35.00

Re-inspection Based on rejection of 0-1,000 ampere capacity \$35.00

Based on rejection of 1,001 ampere capacity and above \$35.00

Inspection of a dwelling unit's heating and/or cooling system \$35.00 (e.g. HVAC)

Consultation Inspection (optional/available upon request) \$50.00

Service Release Inspection (valid for 45 days) Fee is based on ampere capacity of service.

Floating Cabins \$150.00

Inspection of Boat Docks and Marinas Fee is negotiable based upon the number of subpanels, panels and the ampere capacity of service; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner or designee.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143(b)(2), 68-102-602, and 68-102-603.

New

Rule 0780-02-01-.23 Floating Cabins is a new rule. All subsequent rules, and references thereto, are renumbered accordingly.

- (1) Floating Cabins located on the Tennessee River System and regulated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) must comply with 18 C.F.R. § 1304, and specifically 18 C.F.R. § 1304.103(e) regarding electrical inspections, and Article 553 of the National Electrical Code.
- (2) Inspections shall be performed in accordance with the adopted electrical code edition effective at the time of installation. If the time of installation cannot be determined, the installation shall be inspected in accordance with the pertinent section related to floating cabins, Article 553 in the edition of the National Electrical Code adopted in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.02, unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or designee.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113 and 18 C.F.R. § 1304.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: December 27, 2021

Signature: s/ Leigh Ferguson

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ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

0780-02-01-.04 Inspections

0780-02-01-.05 Permits

0780-02-01-.18 Permit Issuing Agents

0780-02-01-.21 Inspection Fees

0780-02-01-.23 Floating Cabins

0780-02-01-.04 INSPECTIONS

- (1) Inspections of electrical installations may be conducted by deputy inspectors appointed under contract with the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-102-143. In circumstances where the need arises as determined by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, or designee, deputy fire marshals are authorized to conduct inspections of electrical installations.
 - (a) Fees for such inspections for services, including all circuits connected thereto, based on total ascertainable ampere capacity, are specified in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21. If the total ampere capacity is not ascertainable, the inspector may negotiate the fee based on the estimated number of required inspections; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, or designee, prior to issuance of a permit.
 - (b) Fees charged for additional inspections, including inspections necessitated by rejections and inspections for circuits not previously connected to the service, shall be based on the ascertainable ampere capacity of the service or ascertainable ampere capacity of the previously unconnected circuit, and shall not exceed the maximum amounts specified in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21.
 - (c) Inspectors may not charge mileage in excess of the standard travel reimbursement rate, as determined by the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, per mile each way for any special trip(s) requested by a property owner or contractor. This mileage charge must be approved in advance by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, or designee.
- (2)
 - (a) Inspections shall be required on:
 1. Complete new installations;
 2. HVAC equipment;
 3. New services, re-connections, or changes in services to existing installations;
 4. Additions to existing installations, such as swimming pools, water well pumps to the wellhead, motor installations, additional rooms or spaces to existing buildings, grain drying equipment and out buildings;
 5. Heat cable installations before being concealed by plaster, sheet rock, or other methods;
 6. Conduit or raceways in or under masonry before covering with concrete or other permanent materials;
 7. Conductors or raceways installed in all structures. This inspection is required prior to the concealing of such conductors or raceways by wall covering materials or by insulation;
 8. Temporary services, which include temporary service poles and temporary service releases; and
 9. Electrical signs; and

109. Floating cabins as defined by 18 C.F.R. § 1304.101. Electrical signs.

- (b) A minimum of two (2) inspections shall be required on wiring installed within or on public and private buildings or other structures. The installer shall notify the electrical inspector in writing whenever any part of a wiring installation is to be hidden from view by insulation or the permanent placement of part of the building. No wiring or raceways shall be concealed until it has been inspected and approved by the inspector. A final inspection shall be requested upon completion of the entire electrical installation.
- (3) When the initial ("rough-in") inspection is conducted:
 - (a) All applicable circuit conductors and outlet boxes shall be installed;
 - (b) All joints shall be made; and
 - (c) All grounding connections shall be in compliance with Section 300.10 of the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code except as set forth in the exceptions enumerated in this subparagraph.
 - 1. Exception No. 1: Where that portion of an installation which constitutes service conductors and equipment is changed or modified.
 - 2. Exception No. 2: Where all wiring or raceway is exposed.
 - 3. Exception No. 3: The requirements of (a) above shall not apply where inspection is performed on raceway systems only.
- (4) The electrical contractor, the mechanical contractor, or the permit holder shall be responsible for ensuring the inspector has access to the site for inspection.
- (5) The permit holder shall notify the inspector when the electrical installation is ready for inspection.
- (6) Except as provided in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.05(2) and for installers licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, the inspector shall not issue a final certificate of approval on an installation performed by any person, firm, corporation or legal entity not duly licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6.
- (7) It is not intended that electric service to an existing installation be disrupted pending inspection of additions or changes to such service; however, an inspection shall be required within seven (7) days of re-connection by the Power Supplier.
- (8) Whenever service equipment has been changed out or upgraded on any existing structures, a safety inspection will be conducted pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-102-143(5).
- (9) Inspections shall not be required on:
 - (a) Minor repair work, such as replacement of lamps or connection of portable devices to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed; and
 - (b) Installation, alteration, or repair of electric wiring or equipment installed by an electrical distribution agency for use in the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electrical energy.
- (10) The inspector shall not issue a final certificate of approval on an installation if a building permit has not been obtained, if required, plans have not been reviewed and approved by the

Department of Commerce and Insurance, if required, or all inspections have not been performed pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-23-.07.

(11) For residential and commercial buildings, electrical power shall be supplied to the building in order for inspector to perform final inspection.

(12) If an initial ("rough-in") inspection was not conducted as required and the covering of the wiring was inadvertent, the Commissioner or designee, may accept a letter from a professional engineer registered in Tennessee verifying the installation is compliant with the adopted electrical code and does not present any life-safety hazards. Receptacles, switches, and light fixtures, however, must still be removed for inspection. Only one (1) letter may be obtained within a twelve (12) month period unless the person making the written request can show justifiable cause for granting a second request.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143, and 68-102-150.

0780-02-01-.05 PERMITS

(1) No electrical wiring on which an inspection is required by this chapter shall be installed without securing an electrical permit from the power distributor, local building official, Commissioner, or designee, or other issuing agent authorized by the Commissioner or designee. Issuing agents may charge a fee of no more than five dollars (\$5.00) for the issuing of a permit. This fee is in addition to all applicable inspection fees in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.21.

(2) Residential and Non-residential Property Owner's Permits

(a) Any person may perform electrical work (for which an inspection is required) upon his/her own residence provided he/she first applies for and obtains a residential property owner's electrical permit. This permit shall only extend to the applicant and the immediate members of the applicant's family. The permit shall not authorize assistance by any other person not duly licensed in accordance with T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6. A residential property owner's permit shall automatically expire upon completion of the work for which the permit was issued. All work done under such permit shall be subject to regular inspection requirements and fees and other applicable laws and regulations. Only one (1) property owner's permit may be obtained within a twelve (12) month period unless the property owner can establish loss of his/her home by fire, windstorm, etc.; and,

(b) Any non-residential property owner may obtain a permit for electrical work to be performed on his/her property by an employee(s) licensed pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6, or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, who will be performing the work in accordance with his/her duties as an employee(s) of the property owner. A nonresidential property owner's permit shall be limited to the specific property listed on the permit and shall automatically expire upon completion of the work for which the permit was issued. All work done under such permit shall be subject to regular inspection requirements and fees and other applicable laws and regulations.

(3) No permit shall be required for installation of electrical systems by manufacturers of factory manufactured structures, recreational vehicles, or modular building units. This rule does not exempt owners of any manufactured home, recreational vehicle or modular building unit from the required installation permit and inspection governed by this chapter.

(4) When applying for a permit, an applicant shall present:

(a) Payment in the amount of the permit fee; and

- (b) Except for a residential property owner's permit, proof of licensure pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6 or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10. For a non-residential property owner's permit, the license number of the employee(s) to perform the work and certification that the employee(s) licensed pursuant to T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 6 or T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 10, will be performing the work in accordance with his/her duties as an employee(s) of the property owner.
- (5) All electrical permits are non-transferable.
- (6) In the event of rejection of an electrical installation by the inspector, a new electrical permit must be applied for and obtained.
- (7) Every electrical permit shall expire two (2) years from the date of issue unless:
 - (a) The inspector determines that substantial progress has been made in the work authorized by the permit; and
 - (b) The permit holder is granted an exception after submitting a written request to the ~~Commissioner or designee~~Director of the Electrical Section of the Division of Fire Prevention. No electrical work for which a permit is required shall be commenced in any building or premises until a permit to perform such work is obtained.
- (8) A copy of the permit shall be ~~posted onsite where the inspection is to occur before the first inspection placed in the service equipment enclosure as soon as such enclosure is conducted. Failure to post the permit may result in a rejected inspection installed.~~
- (9) If a refund for a permit fee for inspection is requested, eighty-five percent (85%) of the permit fee, the fee that would have been paid to the inspector for the inspection, will be refunded. The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the permit fee is non-refundable to cover administrative and processing costs. Requests for refunds shall be made to the Division of Fire Prevention on the applicable form, completed in full, prior to an inspection being performed.
- (10) Bad payment will result in the revocation of an issued permit. Bad payment includes, but is not limited to, a returned check, dishonored electronic payment, or declined credit card payment.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143, and 68-102-150. ~~Administrative History: Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Amendment filed October 24, 1974; effective January 17, 1975. Amendment filed April 20, 1978; effective May 22, 1978. Repeal and new rule filed October 27, 1981; effective December 11, 1981. Repeal and new rule filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Repeal and new rule filed March 12, 1987; effective April 26, 1987. Amendment filed June 27, 1990; effective August 11, 1990. Amendment filed September 22, 1993; effective January 28, 1994. Amendment filed November 4, 1996; effective March 28, 1997. Amendment filed October 15, 1999; effective December 29, 1999. Amendment filed July 15, 2003; effective September 28, 2003. Amendments filed November 14, 2008; effective January 28, 2009. Amendments filed September 17, 2010; effective December 16, 2010. Amendments filed December 19, 2017; effective March 19, 2018. Amendments filed June 20, 2019; effective September 18, 2019.~~

0780-02-01-.18 PERMIT ISSUING AGENTS

- (1) All individuals, including all business entities, municipalities, and cooperatives, who undertake to issue electrical permits under this chapter must hold a current contract with the Department of Commerce and Insurance, as administered through the Electrical Section of the Division of Fire Prevention.

- (2) State deputy electrical inspectors ~~and their immediate families~~ are ineligible to become issuing agents. Additionally, without prior approval from the Department, no individual or business entity in any way related to or financially associated with any Department official will be allowed to become an issuing agent.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113 and 68-102-143. ~~Administrative History: Original rule filed October 15, 1999; effective December 29, 1999.~~

0780-02-01-.21 INSPECTION FEES

The inspection fee for each inspection for services shall not exceed the following:

Fee Final Inspection

0-200 ampere capacity \$35.00

201-400 ampere capacity \$40.00

401-600 ampere capacity \$50.00

601-1000 ampere capacity \$90.00

1,001 ampere capacity and above ("Nonstandard permit") Fee is negotiable; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner, or designee.

Rough-in Inspection 0-1,000 ampere capacity \$35.00

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Service Release Inspection (valid for 45 days) Fee is based on ampere capacity of service.

Floating Cabins \$150.00

Boat Docks and _Marinas Fee is negotiable based upon the number of subpanels, panels and the ampere capacity of service; however, any such fee shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner, or designee.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113, 68-102-143(b)(2), 68-102-602, and 68-102-603. ~~Administrative History: Emergency rule filed December 30, 2013; effective through June 28, 2014. Emergency rule filed June 27, 2014 expired effective December 24, 2014. On December 25, 2014, the rule reverted to its previous reserved status. New rule filed September 30, 2014; effective December 29, 2014. Amendments filed March 23, 2017; effective June 21, 2017.~~

0780-02-01-.23 FLOATING CABINS

- (1) Floating Cabins located on the Tennessee River System and regulated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) must comply with 18 C.F.R. § 1304, and specifically 18 C.F.R. § 1304.103(e) regarding electrical inspections, and Article 553 of the National Electrical Code.
- (2) Inspections shall be performed in accordance with the adopted electrical code edition effective at the time of installation. If the time of installation cannot be determined, the installation shall be inspected in accordance with the pertinent section related to floating cabins, Article 553 in the edition of the National Electrical Code adopted in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-01-.02, unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or designee.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 68-102-113 and 18 C.F.R. § 1304.