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SUBJECT: Update to Section 4-392 of the Municipal Code

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Currently, Section 4-392 of the Municipal Code allows owners of homes to obtain a permit to conduct electrical work, as long as they occupy the home. However, past episodes with homeowners attempting to install the service to the home has caused some unsafe situations that have been time consuming to the City's electrical inspectors.

In order to address this issue, staff recommends the follow changes to the Municipal Code:

Sec. 4-392. Exemptions.

As allowed under §101.862(4)(a), a residential property owner may perform electrical work in his own dwelling which he owns and occupies without a license, with the exception of installing or replacing of service equipment, as long as the work is being conducted in a single family dwelling. Electrical work performed on a residential property which is not a single family owner occupied dwelling will need to be performed by a licensed electrical contractor. The owner of the property must procure a permit prior to starting any electrical work.

The Department of Public Works recommends approval of the changes to Section 4-392 of the Municipal Code of the City of Appleton.

cc: Amanda Abshire