

Section 1. Chapter 34 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is REPEALED.

§2. Title 1 of the rules of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 34 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 34

ELECTRICAL CODE RULES

Subchapter A

Phase-in of Electrical Code Technical Standards

§34-01 Phase-in of new standards for electrical work. In accordance with subdivision a of section 27-3024 of the administrative code, the commissioner hereby extends the date of application of the electrical code technical standards as hereinafter provided. During the period from January 1, 2003 through June 30 2003 (the phase-in period) electrical work, including low voltage electrical work, may be performed either in accordance with the electrical code technical standards adopted pursuant to section 27-3024 of the administrative code or in accordance with the standards set forth in subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 27 of the administrative code as in effect prior to January 1, 2003, and the Bulletins, Code Committee Interpretations and rules issued pursuant to such subchapter (the old electrical code) at the option of the licensed master or special electrician or other authorized person performing the work. On and after July 1, 2003 all electrical work shall be performed in accordance with the electrical code technical standards.

§34-02 Review of applications for electrical permits and certificates of electrical inspection during the phase-in period. An application for an electrical permit or certificate of electrical inspection, including an application for the legalization of unfilled

work, filed during the phase-in period shall indicate whether the application is to be reviewed in accordance with the electrical code technical standards or the old electrical code. On and after July 1, 2003 all applications, including applications for the legalization of unfiled work, shall be reviewed in accordance with the electrical code technical standards.

§34-03 Temporary certification to perform low voltage electrical work. During the phase-in period business entities engaged in the business of installing, maintaining or repairing communication, signaling, alarm or data transmission systems may continue to perform low voltage electrical work in accordance with paragraph two of subdivision a of section 27-3017 of the administrative code pending the adoption of rules setting forth the requirements and procedure for the certification of low voltage installers.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

In the interest of ensuring an effective transition to the electrical code technical standards adopted pursuant to section 27-3024 of the administrative code, the Department is proposing to delete rules sections 34-01 through 34-87, which are replaced by the electrical code technical standards adopted pursuant to section 27-3024 of the administrative code, and proposes new rules sections 34-01 through 34-03, which add a phase-in period for applying the section 27-3024's electrical code technical standards to electrical work to be performed. NYC Administrative Code sections 27-3024 allows for a six month phase-in period beyond the electrical code technical standards' effective date of January 1, 2003, during which all electrical work, including low-voltage work, may be performed in accordance with either the new standards or the old electrical code. Additionally, per section 34-02 applications for electrical permits and certificates of electrical inspections may be performed in accordance with either the new standards or the old electrical code. Per proposed section 34-03, during the phase-in period, businesses engaged in the installation, maintenance, and repair of communication, signaling, alarm or data transmission systems may continue to perform low-voltage work in accordance with paragraph two of section 27-3017(a) of the administrative code. This additional time period will allow both the industry and the department to make a smoother transition to the new electrical code technical standards.