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PURPOSE: This Bulletin clarifies when to apply the 2025 NYC Electrical Code or the 2011 NYC Electrical Code for work associated with new buildings, alterations.

SUBJECT(S): Electrical Code, Effective Date, Construction Documents, Permit, Application, Approval, New Building, Alteration

RELATED/SPECIAL INFORMATION

AC 28-101, Electrical Code, LOCAL LAW 128 OF 2024

I. BACKGROUND

Local Law 128 of 2024 enacted the 2025 NYC Electrical Code, which goes into effect on December 21, 2025. Except as provided below, the 2025 NYC Electrical Code will apply to all projects filed on or after December 21, 2025.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Except as provided in Sections III and IV of this Bulletin, the 2011 NYC Electrical Code applies to all electrical work, regardless of whether electrical plan review is required, when the application for approval is submitted before December 21, 2025. This includes low-voltage; minor electrical work; and applications for electrical work permits associated with New Buildings (NB) and Alterations (ALT) when the conditions below are met:

- the submitted documents meet the requirements for completeness per the Department's [Plan Examination Guidelines](#); *and*
- the application is diligently pursued to completion.

Separate reviews and approvals from other agencies (e.g., Transit Authority, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Board of Standards and Appeals, Department of Environmental Protection, Parks Department) need not be submitted prior to December 21, 2025, in order for the application to be subject to the 2011 NYC Electrical Code.

In accordance with 1 RCNY §4000-01, applications for electrical work permits not requiring plan review, and submitted before December 21, 2025, shall be governed by the 2011 NYC Electrical Code.

III. OPTIONAL USE OF 2025 NYC ELECTRICAL CODE: APPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW BUILDING PERMITS

Applications for electrical work filed on or after December 21, 2024, and associated with a new building may elect to comply with the technical provisions of the 2025 NYC Electrical Code, at the option of the owner. This allowance is irrespective of the requirement for plan review.

IV. OPTIONAL USE OF 2025 NYC ELECTRICAL CODE: OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLICATIONS

Applications for electrical work filed on or after August 23, 2025, and associated with an existing building may elect to comply with the technical provisions of the 2025 NYC Electrical Code. This allowance is irrespective of the requirement for plan review.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The administrative provisions governing applications, permits, fees, penalties, and licensing for electrical work have historically been in Title 27 of the City’s Administrative Code. The recent local law enacting the 2025 NYC Electrical Code also repeals those provisions. Beginning on December 21, 2025, all electrical work shall be governed by the General Administrative Provisions, pursuant to §28-101 of the City’s Administrative Code.

VI. MANDATORY USE OF 2025 NYC ELECTRICAL CODE

The 2025 NYC Electrical Code shall apply to all applications for electrical work filed on or after December 21, 2025, regardless of whether electrical plan review is required. However, electrical work associated with new building, alteration, or demolition applications may comply with the 2011 Electrical Code when such applications were filed prior to December 21, 2025, and diligently pursued to completion.

VII. COMPLIANCE DATE SUMMARY TABLE

Complete Application Submitted for DOB Review	Code Compliance Based on Filing Type*			
	Electrical Work Filed in Association With			Standalone Electrical
	New Building & New Building Fire Alarm**	Alteration & Fire Alarm** Alteration	Demolition	
On or before 12/20/2024	2011	2011	2011	2011
12/21/24 - 8/22/2025	2011 or 2025	2011	2011	2011
8/23/25 - 12/20/25	2011 or 2005	2011 or 2005	2011 or 2005	2011
On or after 12/21/25	2025	2025	2025	2025

* When electrical work is filed in association with another work application, it shall be governed based on the date of that primary filing.

** Electrical work related to fire alarms must comply with the technical requirements for the same code as shown on the application to the Fire Department.