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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE 2008 NEC (THE 2008 NEC GOES INTO EFFECT JAN 1 2010)

New Articles

1. 355 Reinforced Thermosetting Resin Conduit [RTRC]
2. 522 Control Systems For Permanent Amusement Attractions
3. 626 Electrified Truck Parking Spaces
4. 708 Critical Operations Power Systems [COPS]

Changes in Definitions [Article 100]

CLOTHES CLOSET; a non-habitable room or space intended primarily for storage of garments & apparel

INTERSYSTEM BONDING TERMINATION ; bonding & grounding of communication equipment

KITCHEN ; an area with a sink and permanent facilities for food preparation & cooking

Changes in Existing Articles

110.26 & 110.33 ; spaces about electrical equipment, entrances, & access to spaces

210.4 ; multiwire branch circuits a.] Identified Handle-Ties must be used for simultaneous disconnection.

b.] grouping & identification of conductors in the panel.

210.5 ; Identification of Branch Circuits. When the wiring system has branch circuits supplied from more than one nominal voltage system [ie. 208Y/120 or 480Y/277] NOTE: MC cable now made in colors.

210.8 ; GFCI Protection: exceptions for dedicated circuits and circuits that are not readily accessible have been DELETED. Note: accessory buildings shall be GFCI protected. EXCEPTION; garage door opener receptacle in ceiling of garage.

210.12 ; ARC Fault Interrupter Protection: all 120 volt single phase branch circuits supplying outlets in dwelling unit family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas shall be ARC Fault protected by a listed combination ARC Fault circuit interrupter. NOTE: excluded are kitchens, bathrooms, unfinished basements, garages, & outdoors.

210.52 ; Dwelling Unit Receptacle Outlets: a.] switched receptacles do not count. B.] porches and balconies greater than 20 sq. ft. require a receptacle.

240.24 ; overcurrent devices shall not be located over steps of a stairway. [Panel boards]

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250.8 ; Connection of Grounding & Bonding Equipment: a.) thread forming screws that engage not less than 2 threads may be used.

250.146 ; Surface Mounted Box: can be used for grounding the device if metal to metal contact exists between the device yoke & the box & if the box & cover are listed for such use.

300.5 ; Wet Locations: The interior of enclosures or raceways installed underground & installed outdoors shall be considered a wet location.

314.24 ; Minimum Depth of Boxes for outlets, devices, & equipment.

314.27 ; Boxes at Luminaire Outlets: boxes used @ luminaire or lampholder outlets in a ceiling shall be required to support a luminaire weighing a minimum of 50 lbs. If the luminaire weighs more than 50 lbs. it shall be supported independently of the box unless the box is listed and marked to support the weight.

334.12 ; Type NM & NMS Cable shall not be used in wet or damp locations [ie. outdoors or under house]

406.8 ; Receptacles In Damp or Wet Locations: receptacles in damp or wet locations shall be listed as WEATHEER RESISTANT. Note: this is marked on the receptacle [WR].

406.11 ; Tamper Resistant Receptacles in Dwelling Units: ALL receptacles in dwelling units shall be listed as TAMPER-RESISTANT.

422.52 ; Electric Drinking fountains Shall Be GFCI Protected.

680.12 ; Maintenance Disconnecting Means: maintenance & repair of pools, spas, and hot tubs require a disconnecting means readily accessible and within sight of the equipment

800.156 ; Dwelling Unit Communications Outlet: at least one communication outlet is now required in a dwelling unit.

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