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**MEMORANDUM**

August 9, 2021

TO: Frederick County Customers

FROM: Gary Hessong, Director of Permits and Inspections

RE: **POLICY CHANGE FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE**

The Senate Bill 762 – Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions (“SB 762”), Chapter 708, went into effect on July 1, 2021. It made many significant changes to the existing licensure schematic for electricians. The State is now the authority having jurisdiction over electrical licenses in Maryland. The local authority to issue master, journeyman and apprentice electrical licenses has been repealed.

On or before July 1, 2022, individuals who passed the master electrician examination, administered by Frederick County, must reciprocity their current county license to the State of Maryland.

Effective immediately, all new master electrician applications submitted to Frederick County must contain a copy of the current State of Maryland master electrician license in order to be issued a master electrician-registration. On or before July 1, 2022, all existing Frederick County master electrician licensees will be provided with an updated *registration* card to replace the previously issued license card valid until June 30, 2023. On May 16, 2023, the new *registration* renewal period will begin, allowing those applicants who hold a valid State of Maryland master electrician license to apply for their Frederick County master-electrician registration. Registration is required for any individual who engages in the business of providing electrical services in Frederick County.

The Maryland Electricians Act does not prevent local jurisdictions from issuing a license to perform low voltage electrical work; Frederick County will continue to offer the master electrician-restricted examinations for low voltage electrical work only.

In order to remedy this licensure gap, Frederick County is doing everything it is empowered to do, including the amendment of Chapter 7, Electricity, of the County Code and expediting the replacement registration cards for current license holders.

Registration applications can be submitted via the Frederick County application portal <https://planningandpermitting.frederickcountymd.gov/>. Should you have any questions or if you would like to obtain a letter of reciprocity please contact Shannon Walters, Assistant Permitting Services Manager at [SWalters@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:SWalters@FrederickCountyMD.gov) or 301-600-1095.

Links: [Maryland Electricians Act](#) & [Maryland State of Board of Master Electricians](#)