

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS**

*Don Haskin, Chairman*  
*Danny Johnson, Secretary*



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**ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1 July 2021 through 30 June 2022**

**Board Members:**

Donald M. Haskins	Chairman	Licensed Electrician
James D. Johnson Jr.	Secretary, resigned in September	Licensed Electrician
Ronald Phetteplace	Member	Licensed Electrician
Robert C. Spence	Member	Licensed Electrician
Ron Derby	Member	Non-Licensed Member

**Per section 38-17, the Electrical Examiners Board is required to submit the following information for the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:**

**License Information:**

- 2 Master Electrician Licenses – (2 renewals)
- 29 Master Electrician License (Refunded; see other action items)
- 2 Low Voltage Licenses (1 renewals)
- 5 Restricted Licenses (4 renewals)
- 9 Total Licenses
- Licenses expire Jun 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Renewals will start January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Master/Low Voltage/Restricted Exam Information:**

- 2 Master Electrician Exams were given
- No Low Voltage exams were given
- No Restricted exams were given

**Homeowners Exam Information:**

- 3 Homeowners exams were given
- 1 passed (33.9%), 2 failed (66.1%)
- 5 registrations for July 2022 exam

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### **Other action items performed by the Electrical Examiners Board:**

- The Electrical Examiners Board met 10 times in the FY 22 year
- The Maryland Electricians Act took effect July 1, 2021; at that time all individuals looking to take the Master Examine or renew their License are required to obtain a State License.
- In November 2021 the Commissioners of St. Mary's County made the decision to have all Master Electricians obtain their license and license renewals through the State, no longer requiring they obtain a license through St. Mary's County, as per Ordinance No 2021-43.
- In May 2022, the Secretary began sending emails to all Master Electricians reminding them of the deadline to obtain and renew a Maryland State Masters License through the State.
- The Secretary has began working with the Master Electricians and the Board on Letters of Good Standing and State Master Electricians Verification Forms.
- The board works with SMECO to distribute information/policy changes that will affect electrical contractors.
- Reminder of Certification of Insurance renewals emails are sent to all Electricians weekly.
- If an Electrician fails to update their Certificate of Insurance a notice of "shelving" is sent to the Electrician.
- Rosters are emailed as updated to MDIA, SMECO, Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM), 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspectors and Electrical Board members.
- All documentation for the Board (exams, applications, insurance forms, correspondences, etc.) are being stored electronically
- Donald Haskin, Chair and Harry Knight, staff attended the MUELEC meeting held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, regarding the transfer of Master Electricians from the County to the State and what the Resolution will be (see attached).
- The Board Chair is serving on a MUELEC Committee to revise the questions to be used on all licensing exams in the state of Maryland.
- The Board has met with MDIA on several occasions to discuss code interpretations.
- The Board has worked with LUGM for the electrical permit requirements and 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspectors. There is now a working plan in effect.
- The board has scheduled all exams in January and July.

- The revenue for the FY 2022 year is \$6,600.00

Sandie Greene, Sr. Administration Coordinator, Land Use and Growth Management  
Secretary for the Board of Electric Examiners  
Mid December 2021 - June 30, 2022

Harry Knight, Deputy Director, Land Use Growth Management  
Staff Representative 2021-2022; Secretary duties July 2021 – March 2022.

Danny Johnson, Board of Electric Examiners resigned September 1, 2021. He attended the August meeting, however he declined to submit the report for September. A resignation letter was not submitted, he turned over the information that he had to Mr. Knight and verbally resigned. Per email Donald Haskin, Chair Board of Electric Examiners. 9/9/22.

Attachments:

St. Mary's County Ordinance No 2021-43

MUELEC meeting minutes for Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Requested by: Land Use & Growth Management

Ordinance No. 2021 - 43

Subject: Administration - To Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to Adopt the National Electrical Code, Provide for Issuance of Electrical Permits, Establish the St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners, and Regulate Licenses for the Provision of Electrical Services and Permits for Homeowner Installations

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**ORDINANCE**

**TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 217 OF THE *CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND*, TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS, ESTABLISH THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICIAN EXAMINERS, AND REGULATE LICENSES FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES AND PERMITS FOR HOMEOWNER INSTALLATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hogan signed Senate Bill 762 during the 2021 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly, repealing local authority to license Master Electricians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized by § 13-910 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to adopt a local electrical code, and are authorized pursuant to § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to establish a Board of Electrical Examiners, and are authorized pursuant to § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* and Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to establish regulations for the issuance of licenses to provide electrical services, and are required pursuant to § 12-615 of the *Public Safety Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of permits to homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on October 29, 2021, and November 5, 2021, in *The Southern Maryland News*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on November 16, 2021, to receive public comment and consider procedures for the issuance of permits to provide electrical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County to adopt a local electrical code, to provide for issuance of electrical permits, to establish a Board of Electrical Examiners, to establish regulations for the issuance of licenses to provide electrical services, and to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of permits to homeowners,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, pursuant to § 13-910 and § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, and § 12-615 of the *Public Safety Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* that:

**SECTION I.** Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, is repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

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**217-1. Definitions; General Provisions.**

- 01. The definitions in § 6-101 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* are incorporated herein. In this Ordinance "County Board" means the St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners. In this Ordinance "Title 6" Means Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.
- 02. All permit fees shall be set by ordinance or resolution of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. All revenues from examinations, licenses, and permits shall be collected by St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management and paid into the General Fund of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- 03. The St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management shall provide necessary administrative support to the County Board and shall maintain all records of permits, licenses, and activities of the County Board.

**217-2. National Electrical Code.**

- 01. The National Electrical Code, as revised and amended from time to time, is hereby adopted. A revision or amendment shall be effective six months after the effective date or date of publication, whichever is later, of the revision or amendment. All electrical installations in St. Mary's County shall comply with the National Electrical Code.

**217-3. Electrical permits.**

- 01. In general. – A licensed electrician shall obtain an electrical permit prior to providing any electrical services. The application may be submitted electronically and shall require only the following:
  - 01. the name and license number of the applicant.
  - 02. the address where the electrical service will be provided; and
  - 03. a brief description of the electrical service to be provided.
- 02. Notice of local electrical requirements. -- At the time the County issues an electrical permit to an electrician under this section, the County shall give the electrician notice of

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any local electrical requirements with which the electrician shall comply while providing electrical services in St. Mary's County.

- 03. Issuance. -- The County shall, upon receipt of an application, issue, electronically if requested by the applicant, the appropriate permit to each applicant who:
  - 01. holds an active Maryland or County license; and
  - 02. pays any required permit fee.

**217-4. Board of Electrical Examiners.**

- 01. Established. The St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners established by Chapter 38 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, shall continue as established hereunder. All prior decisions and orders, and all actions taken in cases pending before the County Board on the effective date hereof, shall continue in full force and effect.
- 02. Membership; Officers. The County Board shall consist of three or five members, at least three of whom are licensed master electricians or exempt from the license requirement under § 217-5.01.03, appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. The County Board shall elect a chair and such other officers as it may require who shall serve a term of one year and may be re-elected.
- 03. Removal. A member of the County Board may be removed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for incompetence, misconduct, failure to attend meetings or conviction of a crime.
- 04. Terms. Members shall serve a term of four years and may be reappointed. In the event of a vacancy the Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall appoint a licensed master electrician to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- 05. Meetings. The County Board shall meet monthly and shall hold such special meetings as the proper and efficient discharge of its business shall require.
- 06. Compensation. The members of the County Board shall receive the compensation appropriated annually in the budget of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- 07. Expenditure; resources. Expenditures by the County Board shall be in accordance with the amount appropriated annually in the budget of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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- 08. The County Board may adopt regulations and rules of procedure necessary for the performance of its duties.
  
- 217-5. **Low Voltage Licenses - Low Voltage Communication Systems.**
  - 01. License Required
    - 01. Except as provided herein, no person shall engage in the business of installation, repair or maintenance of low voltage communication systems unless licensed as a low voltage electrician.
    - 02. "Low voltage communication systems" are telephone, television, sound public address, and intercom systems, including coaxial cable and fiber optic systems.
  - 02. Applications for low voltage license. An applicant for a low voltage license shall:
    - 01. submit to the County Board an application on the form that the County Board provides; and
    - 02. pay to the County Board or the County Board's designee an examination fee set by the County Board.
  - 03. Qualifications of applicants
    - 01. In general. -- To qualify for a low voltage license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.
    - 02. Experience. --
      - (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the applicant shall have been engaged or employed regularly and principally in the field of electrical equipment, repair, and maintenance for at least 4 years.
      - (2) The County Board may allow an applicant up to 1 year of credit toward the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the County Board determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience within the preceding 7 years.

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- 03. Examination. -- Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the County Board under this Ordinance.
  - 04. Investigation of qualifications. -- The County Board may investigate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section.
04. Examinations --
- 01. Right to examination. -- Except as otherwise provided in Title 6, an applicant who otherwise qualifies for a license issued by the County Board is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.
  - 02. Time and place of examination. -- The County Board shall give examinations to qualified applicants at least twice a year at the dates, times, and places the County Board determines.
  - 03. Notice of examination. --
    - (1) At least 15 days before the examination, the County Board shall notify each applicant whether the applicant is eligible to be examined under this section.
    - (2) The notice shall specify the passing score for the examination.
  - 04. Subjects and method of examination. --
    - (1) The County Board shall determine the subjects and scope of the examination from a list of questions submitted by the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination Committee, Inc.
    - (2) The County Board shall choose examination questions that:
      - (i) test the applicant's knowledge of all applicable codes, laws, or principles of electrical installation; and
      - (ii) are constructed to determine the fitness of the applicant for a license.
  - 05. Form of examination. -- The form of the examination shall be objective and written.
  - 06. Passing score. -- The passing score for the examination shall be 70%.
  - 07. Notice of score. -- Within 45 days after the examination, the County Board shall mail to each applicant notice of the applicant's examination score.



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- 08. Review of examination. -- On written request to the County Board, an applicant who failed an examination with a score of 60% or higher may review the answers that the applicant gave and the scores for those answers at a time and place that the County Board determines.
- 09. Failure to appear for examination. –
  - (1) If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled examination, the applicant may reapply for an examination.
  - (2) The applicant:
    - (i) shall submit to the County Board an application for reexamination on the form that the County Board provides; and
    - (ii) unless, for good cause, the County Board waives payment of the examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee.

**217-6. Restricted Licenses - Alarm and Security Systems.**

- 01. License Required
  - 01. Except as provided herein, no person shall engage in the business of installation, repair or maintenance of low voltage and low energy wiring and circuits for alarm and security systems unless licensed as a restricted electrician.
- 02. Applications for restricted license. An applicant for a restricted license shall:
  - 01. submit to the County Board an application on the form that the County Board provides; and
  - 02. pay to the County Board or the County Board's designee an examination fee set by the County Board.
- 03. Qualifications of applicants
  - 01. In general. -- To qualify for a restricted license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

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- 02. Experience. --
  - (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the applicant shall have been engaged or employed regularly and principally in the field of electrical equipment, repair, and maintenance for at least 4 years.
  - (2) The County Board may allow an applicant up to 1 year of credit toward the experience required under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the County Board determines that the applicant has completed a formal course of study or professional training in electrical installation comparable to the required experience within the preceding 4 years.
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- (2) The County Board shall choose examination questions that:
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  - (2) The applicant:
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    - (ii) unless, for good cause, the County Board waives payment of the examination fee, shall again pay the examination fee.

**217-7. Installation of electric wiring by homeowner.**

- 01. A permit may be granted to a homeowner for installation of electrical wiring in the residence of the homeowner if the homeowner attains a satisfactory score on a written examination administered by the County Board.
- 02. An installation of electrical wiring in the residence of a homeowner shall be inspected in accordance with the St. Mary's County Building Code.
- 03. The County Board shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this Section.

Requested by: Land Use & Growth Management

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217-8. Enforcement

- 01. The County Board shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and Title 6 including interpretation and application of the National Electrical Code.
- 02. A violation of this Ordinance, as amended from time to time or Title 6 is a civil infraction and shall be prosecuted in the same manner and to the same extent as provided for a municipal infraction under Title 6 of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*.

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be effective December 14, 2021

Those voting Aye:	<u>4</u>
Those voting Nay:	<u>0</u>
Those Abstaining:	<u>0</u>
Date of Adoption:	<u>November 30, 2021</u>
Effective Date:	<u>December 14, 2021</u>

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ATTEST:

  
Rebecca B. Bridgett  
County Administrator

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

- Not Present -  
James R. Guy, Commissioner President

  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner

  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
David A. Weiskopf  
County Attorney

  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

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# SPECIAL MUELEC MEETING

## Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. at Capital TriState

Special Guests: Delegates Hornberger and Mautz, Exec. Dir. Robin Bailey, Guests from the Baltimore County Contractors Association, Apprenticeship Training Programs, Independent Contractors of Baltimore City, and other regulatory personnel, as well as regular jurisdictional members and leaders – 42 people were in attendance.

In the absence of President Paul Noyes, Executive Secretary Gil Thompson welcomed everyone and thanked Marty Schumacher for setting up a Zoom meeting to allow Delegate Hornberger, one of the sponsors of HB762, to address the group. Given the complexity of the issues surrounding the enactment of this Bill, Delegate Hornberger (in conjunction with Senator McCray) did indicate that there most likely will be a few amendments proposed at the next legislative session. These amendments center on: grandfathering of Master’s, Journeypersons, and Apprenticeship licenses. Del. Hornberger reminded everyone that local jurisdictions have up to 18 months to bring their divisions into compliance with the new requirements.

It was acknowledged that many positive actions are on the horizon because of this Bill. Lengthy discussions did ensue, and while not all issues were resolved, many positive things occurred.

ISSUE OR QUESTION	ANSWER OR RESOLUTION
The grandfathering of all actively working Master’s, Journeypersons, and two kinds of Apprentices needed a lot of clarity; i.e. - – allow those in training to be grandfathered – which is different from those <u>already registered</u> in Maryland and the US Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program. Some apprentices cannot afford to pay up to \$2,000 to register in the program but still want to work toward Journeyperson’s status and be recognized.	Propose an Amendment to HB 762 that includes grandfathering of all by December 31, 2022. Those in training in a recognized MD Apprenticeship Program will automatically be grandfathered without examination. Preliminary work has started, and Marty Schumacher and ML Badders are going to be working with Delegates Hornberger and Mautz and Senator McCray on the wording.
A uniform, certified exam must be developed and instituted for Master’s, Journeyperson’s restricted, and limited (the restricted and limited will be administered by the local jurisdiction having authority); this examination will belong to the MUELEC organization and the State in case the State would change testing companies in the future.	Exec. Director Bailey will check with her legal department to determine if there is any legal, copyright issue, since the original MUELEC tests was copyrighted.
There is a legal issue right now concerning registering vs. licensing in local jurisdictions. Additionally, there have been some different interpretations of HB 762 by local jurisdictions resulting in legal opinions being offered and even jurisdictional amendments being written.	See the attached chart for additional information about how our local jurisdictions are handling issuance of registrations and licenses. Even though it feels good to extend freedom to each County, it is concerning that so many different policies exist to confuse the situation.
Since there are only seven jurisdictions that now give examinations, it would seem to make sense that only the State Board of Electricians will have the responsibility of testing and certifying Master and Journeyperson electricians, beginning Dec. 31, 2022.	Since most local jurisdictions will no longer be testing Master’s and Journeypersons, it makes sense that local Boards test for limited and restricted licenses only.

ISSUE OR QUESTION	ANSWER OR RESOLUTION
Those State-issued Journeyman and Master licenses that are issued will have full authority across the State, and each subdivision will not be allowed to collect additional fees for those type of licenses. Each local jurisdiction or authority will continue to qualify, test, and license only restricted and limited type electricians so reciprocity can continue on a uniform basis for those type licenses.	Local jurisdictions will still have the responsibility of regulating local electrical work being installed.
The continuing education of Journeymen and Master's must be accepted Statewide by all jurisdictions. No other continuing education will be required. The standard that was supposed to become Statewide was that there would be 10 hours for each category – 5 hours of in-person, classroom training and no more than 5 hours being allowed for virtual training.	Marty Schumacher commented that virtual, live and then “old-school” on-line are often very different experiences for the learner. Executive Director Bailey indicated that for the time being, virtual learning will be allowed to meet the Continuing Education requirement for 2022.
Local jurisdictions are concerned that “qualified agents” are representing many different people across jurisdictions without being fully certified, and there may be room for cutting corners.	The existing State law requires that a licensee can only represent one firm, person, or corporation at a time.
Should there be a database of people who have registered in various jurisdictions?	Yes! It allows local jurisdictions knowledge of licensed persons.
If there is reciprocity among jurisdictions and nearby States, which Code Year (2017 or 2020) is dictating Code enforcement and test administration?	Uniform inspection and test administration is of utmost importance for the latest code edition. Local amendments will still be allowed.
How does the State intend to communicate with local jurisdictions and be the leader the industry needs?	Locals should be reading the State website, as Exec. Dir. Bailey posts current messages there and sends out notifications to current licensees. MUELEC and the ELM can be positive communication channels for the industry.
How will MUELEC be accountable to the State? Local jurisdictions will handle local problems but inform the State of “bad actors.”	5-member Test Exam Committee works hand-in-hand with State and PSI.; share information regularly and provide input to legislators when Bill proposals are made.

**TEST ADMINISTRATION AND CONTENT** There was no Master Electrician Exam distributed this year due to the pandemic and a bit of confusion surrounding the passage of HB 762. It was noted that the Journeyman exam was put together with no input from MUELEC, as the State Board felt it was necessary to move forward in the summer of 2021. Exec. Director Bailey and PSI developed the exam at that time.

#### ELEC

Recently, a MUELEC Test Committee of about a dozen people met virtually to seek clarity about whether to proceed as they usually do in providing test questions to PSI or to forge a new path in refining the test questions, in partnership with PSI. A decision was made not to proceed with MUELEC's existing procedure of creating questions for the 2020 NEC examination. Part of our consideration involved the fact that approximately \$3,500 is spent to gather and print new questions, countless volunteer hours are expended to submit questions for the exam, and more interaction with PSI exam regulators is desired.

It was decided that a committee of 4-5 Code Experts from MUELEC will meet with Director Bailey and other PSI test experts to develop a new, comprehensive Master's and Journeyman's Examination. This could be a step forward in question formatting and will help to:



1. Delete or revise questions when a code change has occurred.
2. Do away with duplicate, fill-in-the-blank, and “all of the above” type questions and should reduce the total number of questions presented on the test.
3. Add new questions on new articles, sections, and sub-sections.
4. Produce a test that has integrity and one that will better test for knowledge and competency to produce applicants that will safely service the public in the future.

The following individuals agreed to work with the State and PSI in reviewing and recommending test questions for the next test offered by PSI. Director Robin Bailey will set up a meeting with PSI test preparers and the code experts listed below in the near future.

Milford Badders, Harford County	Don Haskins, St. Mary’s County and Instructor
Wayne Robinson, Instructor	Marty Schumacher, Instructor
Rob Smith, First State Inspection, Easton	

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

MUELEC thanks Capital TriState for providing a location for our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Thompson  
Executive Secretary  
MUELEC