March 31, 2022


No later than March 14, 2023, the design of all State building construction must comply with the 2020 NFPA, NEC in accordance with HRS 107-27.

No later than March 14, 2024, each county in the State of Hawai‘i must adopt the 2020 NFPA, NEC and attach any amendments to the code, in accordance with HRS 107-28(a).

If by March 14, 2024, a county does not adopt the 2020 NFPA, NEC with any amendments, it shall become applicable as an interim county electrical code, in accordance with HRS 107-28(b).

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Scope.
This code sets forth minimum requirements for the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the installation and use of electricity not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii.

Definitions.
In this code, unless the context otherwise requires:
“Article” means an article of a chapter of the National Electrical Code.
“Building official” means the officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.
“Chapter” means this chapter.
“NEC” means the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, 2020 edition, as published and copyrighted by the National Fire Protection Association.
“NFPA” means the National Fire Protection Association.

Adoption of the 2020 National Electrical Code.

Permit authorization.
Each county of the State of Hawaii may, by ordinance, require that a permit be obtained from the building official for any area regulated by this code.

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

(1) Title and purpose.
Section 101.1 is amended to read as follows:
“101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Electrical Code of the State of Hawaii, hereinafter referred to as “this code”.”