

Appeal of Electrical Advisory Board's Suspension of City Electrician's Registration

for Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor



**Council Presentation
February 18, 2020**



Events

- ❖ On August 14, 2019, City Inspector Rueben Hernandez observed unlicensed individuals performing electrical work on site at 6633 Evans Drive.
 - ❖ On August 28, 2019, City Inspector Rueben Hernandez observed electrical work in progress at 6901 New York Drive by an unlicensed electrician on site.
 - ❖ On October 1, 2019, City Inspector Richard Rios witnessed an unlicensed individual working on the building's electrical system at 1517 Westridge Boulevard.
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Timeline

- ❖ On October 17, 2019, the Board voted to hear the violations alleged against Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor.
 - ❖ On October 21, 2019, Notice of Hearing was sent by certified mail.
 - ❖ On November 21, 2019, the Electrical Advisory Board held a hearing for the violations alleged against Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor with Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor present.
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Suspension of Electrician's Registration

- ❖ Pursuant to the Section 14-206 of the Corpus Christi Code,
 - the Electrical Advisory Board (Board) found Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor guilty of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the performance of electrical work on three occasions.
 - ❖ The Board suspended Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor's Electrical Registration for a term of 6 months.
 - ❖ On December 11, 2019, Lamp Lighter Electrical Contractor filed an appeal of Electrician's Registration suspension. The suspension is stayed for the appeal.
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City's Response to Appellants Appeal

City Staff supports the decision of the Electrical Advisory Board.

- The use of unlicensed and/or unsupervised electrical workers:
 - ❖ is a violation of the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR) & City of Corpus Christi regulations;
 - ❖ creates an unacceptable safety risk to building occupants and the public; and
 - ❖ creates an unfair business advantage over a company operating in accordance with the rules.
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FINAL ACTION

City Council may:

❖ **Deny the Appeal**

Lamp Lighter serves 6-month suspension; such suspension ending July 29, 2020.

❖ **Modify the Board's Decision**

Electrical Registration may be suspended up to one year, or

Electrical Registration may be revoked for a term between one and three years.

❖ **Reverse the Board's Decision**

Finding of not guilty and no suspension or revocation.