ORDINANCE NO. ________________

An ordinance amending Title 27 – Electrical Code of the Los Angeles County Code, by adopting portions of the 2016 California Electrical Code, by reference, with certain changes and modifications, and making other revisions thereto.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 89.102 through 89.114 of Article 89, Article 90, Chapters 1 through 9, and Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I which incorporate by reference and modify portions of the 2013 California Electrical Code, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 80-1.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 80-1.5. California Electrical Code (CEC) Adoption by Reference

Except as hereinafter changed or modified, Sections 89.102 through 89.114 of Article 89, Article 90, Chapters 1 through 9, and Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, and J of that certain Electrical Code known and designated as the 20132016 California Electrical Code as published by the California Building Standards Commission are adopted by reference and incorporated into this Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code as if fully set forth below, as Sections 89.102 through 89.114 of Article 89, Article 90, Chapters 1 through 9, and Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, and J of Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code.

A copy of the 20132016 California Electrical Code, hereinafter referred to as the CEC, shall be at all times maintained by the Chief Electrical Inspector for use and examination by the public.
SECTION 3. Section 83-3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 83-3. Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction and Modifications

(a) Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction. The provisions of this Code are not intended to prevent the use of any material, appliance, installation, device, arrangement method, design, or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Code, provided any such alternate has been approved by the Chief Electrical Inspector.

The Chief Electrical Inspector may have the authority to approve on a case-by-case basis any such alternate that is found to be satisfactory and does not lessen provisions for safety or health required by this Code.

Such approval shall be based upon submittal of substantiating data and including, but not limited to, performance characteristics, measurements, calculations, diagrams, equipment and construction factors, where applicable.

A written application for the use of an alternate material, design or method of construction shall be submitted by the owner or owner’s agent together with the filing fee specified in Section 82-8(a), item 21.

(b) Modifications. Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this Code, the Chief Electrical Inspector may have the authority to grant minor modifications on a case by case basis, provided the Chief Electrical Inspector shall first find that a special individual reason makes the strict letter of this Code impractical and that the modification is in reasonable conformity with the
spirit and purpose of this Code and that such modification does not lessen any health, fire-protection, or other life-safety related requirements. The details of any action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the code enforcement agency.

A written application for a modification shall be submitted by the owner or owner's agent together with the filing fee specified in Section 82-8(a), item 21.

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