

ORDINARY PROPOSAL #2 – Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #3, Local and State Legislation
(Submitted by the NECA Codes & Standards Committee)

Current Language

POLICY 3

Local and State Legislation

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NECA believes that it is in the public interest and the interest of the electrical contracting industry throughout the United States as a whole that local codes based on national codes be adopted to provide safety standards for all electrical installations. The association also believes that the requirements of the most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code® together with provisions for proper inspection represents the minimum necessary in the interests of the public and the industry. NECA also recognizes, however, that any political subdivision may adopt higher standards where local conditions warrant and a greater degree of public safety from hazards is deemed desirable.

*(Adopted Jan. 4, 1955)
(Revised Nov. 6, 1959, Oct. 6, 1979, Oct. 3, 2015,
Sept. 14, 2019, Oct. 9, 2021)*

Proposed Language

(~~strikeover~~ indicates deleted language;
underline indicates new language)

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NECA believes ~~that~~ it is in the best interest of the consumer, and the general public, interest, and the interest of the electrical contracting industry throughout the United States as a whole, that local jurisdictions codes should adopt the requirements of the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC®) unamended, based on national codes be ~~adopted~~ to provide minimum safety standards for all electrical installations. The association also believes that the requirements of the most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code® (NEC®), together with provisions for proper electrical inspection, represents the minimum necessary legislation needed to protect in the interests of the public and the industry. However, NECA also recognizes, ~~however~~, that any political subdivision may adopt higher standards where local or unique conditions warrant and a greater degree of public safety from hazards is deemed desirable.

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Comment from NECA National Office: The proposed changes clarify the intent of the standing policy; therefore, this proposal is recommended **FOR** adoption.