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This *Code* was issued with Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs) that impacted provisions in 210.52(C)(2), 240.67(C), 240.87(C), 725.121(C), and Annex D3. For more information on TIAs, see [www.nfpa.org/70](http://www.nfpa.org/70) and Section 5 of the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards* available at [www.nfpa.org/regs](http://www.nfpa.org/regs).

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**History and Development of the *National Electrical Code*®**

The National Fire Protection Association has acted as sponsor of the *National Electrical Code* since 1911. The original *Code* document was developed in 1897 as a result of the united efforts of various insurance, electrical, architectural, and allied interests.

In accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, a *National Electrical Code* first draft report containing proposed amendments to the 2017 *National Electrical Code* was published by NFPA in July 2018. This report recorded the actions of the various code-making panels and the correlating committee of the National Electrical Code Committee on each public input and first revision that had been made to revise the 2017 *Code*. The report was published at [www.nfpa.org/70](http://www.nfpa.org/70). Following the close of the public comment period, the code-making panels met, acted on each comment, and created some second revisions, which were reported to the correlating committee. NFPA published the *National Electrical Code* second draft report in April 2019, which recorded the actions of the code-making panels and the correlating committee on each public comment on the National Electrical Code Committee first draft report. The *National Electrical Code* first draft report and the *National Electrical Code* second draft report were presented to the 2019 June Association Technical Meeting for adoption.

NFPA has an Electrical Section that provides particular opportunity for NFPA members interested in electrical safety to become better informed and to contribute to the development of the *National Electrical Code* and other NFPA electrical standards. At the Electrical Section codes and standards review session held at the 2019 NFPA Conference and Expo, section members had the opportunity to discuss and review the report of the National Electrical Code Committee prior to the adoption of this edition of the *Code* by the association at its 2019 June Technical Meeting.

This 55th edition supersedes all other previous editions, supplements, and printings dated 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1918, 1920, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1965, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, and 2017.

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