

LOAD MANAGEMENT SWITCH ORDINANCE

Applicable to new one- and two-family residential, and multi-family construction.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Benson, North Carolina, , the following ordinance is hereby adopted as an amendment to Title V of the Town of Benson Code of Ordinances

CHAPTER 56 –ELECTRIC SERVICE

Section 56.01 – Load Management Switches

- Load management devices required with respect to new one- and two-family residential, and multi-family construction.

56.01 As a condition of receiving electric service the owner of every one- and two-family residential, and multi-family residential property for which a building permit is issued after February 1, 2016 shall, prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy, install a load management device for said building(s). The load management device shall be furnished free of charge by the town. After initial installation the town is responsible for repair or replacement of the device, and reasonable access shall be granted for said repair. The owner or the owner's contractor shall install the same in accordance with the town's specifications.

A load management device is equipment and remote relays, provided by the town for controlling the operation of central air conditioning, second stage and emergency electric heat, and electric water heaters and allows the town to temporarily disconnect such systems in anticipation of peak demand periods.

56.02 Exemptions from installation. The following residential construction is exempt from the requirement of subsection (51.01):

- (1) Building permits for repairs and renovations to residential construction of less than \$10,000.00.
- (2) The common areas of condominiums, cooperatives and homeowners associations.
- (3) The director of public works, electric system supervisor, or Town Manager may exempt such systems as are technically not feasible for control by load management devices.

56.03 No person shall prevent, alter or impede the operation of a load management device. Such action is a violation of the electric service agreement between the customer and the town and subjects the offender in the case of an intentional violation to a penalty of \$100.00, and in the case of an unintentional violation, a penalty of \$25.00. Payment is due within ten days after written notice thereof. Payment of such a penalty shall be a condition of the continued provision of electric service.

Adopted this 26th day of January 2016, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Benson, North Carolina.

William W. Massengill, Jr. - Mayor

Connie M. Sorrell - Town Clerk