



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To: DSD Associates
From: Michael Shannon, PE, CBO, Director and Building Official
Date: September 1, 2023/revised April 23, 2024

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2023-003

TITLE: Placement of Kitchen Peninsula and Island Receptacles in Dwelling Units.

CODE EDITION: 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC)

SECTION: NEC 210.52(C)(2) & (3)

QUESTION: Am I permitted to mount island and peninsula receptacles to meet the requirements of the 2023 NEC 210.52 (C)(3) even though the City of San Antonio enforces the 2020 NEC?

ANSWER: Yes. Recognizing the over 9,700 injuries reported by the Consumer Product Safety Commission of people, many of them children, treated for burns and other injuries after pulling or running into appliance power cords plugged into receptacles mounted below island and peninsula work surfaces, the City has decided to permit the 2023 NEC change.

An electrical contractor is permitted to use the provisions of 2023 NEC 210.52(C) (3)-(1), (2), or (3), mounting a receptacle no more than 20" above the countertop/work surface, such as in a backsplash, or using a receptacle approved for use in or on countertops or work surfaces.

The provisions for a future receptacle listed in 2023 NEC 210.52(C)(2) will not be an option.

This will apply to new dwellings and remodeled existing dwellings, including dwelling unit kitchen remodels.

This Code Interpretation will remain in place until the adoption of the 2023 NEC by the City of San Antonio for applications submitted on or after the adoption date. Applications submitted prior to the adoption date and reviewed under the 2020 NEC will be afforded these options.

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