



**State of Wisconsin**

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: 07/22/2015**

**FROM: Zachary Hetfield**

**SUBJECT: Prohibition on Municipal Low Voltage Wiring Licenses**

The definition of electrical wiring contained in the Wisconsin Statutes is broad and includes all electrical equipment "used for the production, modification, regulation, control, distribution, utilization, or safeguarding of electrical energy for mechanical, chemical, cosmetic, heating, lighting, or similar purposes, as specified under the state electrical wiring code." Wis. Stat. § 101.80(1m). The Department has further clarified this definition by stating it includes all installations of electrical and communication conductors. Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 316.002(1)(a). "No person may install, repair, or maintain electrical wiring unless the person is licensed as an electrician by the Department." Wis. Stat. § 101.862(2). Municipalities, as of March 31, 2014, are no longer able to license electricians. Wis. Stat. § 101.861(1). Low voltage wiring is included in the electrical code both by statute and administrative rule, as a result, municipalities cannot license for low voltage or communication wiring installing, repairing, or maintenance.