



# Development Services Center

## EL-01 Electrical Service Authorization

A purpose of Spokane Municipal Code Title 17 (Regulation of Building and Land Use) is to provide procedures for the approval, inspection and enforcement of standards for the design, installation and maintenance of building systems and equipment (cf.SMC 17A.010.020). The intent is to provide a reasonable degree of protection to members of the public against hazards to life and health.

No person may connect, or allow to be connected, any installation of wiring, apparatus, or fixtures in any building, or for construction use, until the City inspector has approved the connection.

For new electric service installations, the wiring and apparatus are deemed to be dangerous to members of the public until such time that all of the following are accomplished:

1. The service equipment from the point of service to the main disconnect(s) is installed and inspected;
2. All proposed branch circuits breakers or fuses are installed in the panelboard(s);
3. All branch circuits are extended to all the proposed branch circuit outlets;
4. All required ground return paths are electrically and mechanically continuous;
5. The interior of the structure is protected from weather;
6. The City electrical inspector has authorized energizing the electrical equipment.

The above conditions are deemed to be necessary for the protection of life and health of the public and to maintain control of installations to assure protection of the public.

Installation of construction temporary service equipment (separate from the structure permanent service) is authorized by SMC 17F.050.100, when the construction temporary service is installed in accordance with State and National electrical codes and with the local utility's electric service and meter requirements.

Fees for electrical installation permits are prescribed in SMC 8.02.032.

Exceptions to this policy may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the City electrical inspector when there are overriding safety reasons to authorize earlier energizing of an electrical service.

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