City ordinance allows a homeowner or owner of residential property of fewer than 14 units, 3 or fewer stories, and combustible construction, to take out electrical permits for remodeling or repair. A homeowner building his own residence may be issued an electrical permit for new construction or an addition.

An owner of commercial property with a full-time journeyman electrician maintenance man who works in the building may be issued an electrical permit for remodeling. The City of Spokane requires the name and license number of the journeyman electrician to be put on the permit.

A Washington State-licensed electrical contractor can be issued permits. If the electrical work is being done for the purpose of the sale of the building, all work must be done by a licensed electrical contractor.