



# Citizen's Guide To Electrical Permits



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## BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

### **When is an electrical permit required?**

An electrical permit is required for the installation, alteration, repair, replacement, and/or extension of electrical wiring and equipment.

### **What is its purpose?**

The purpose of an electrical permit is to ensure compliance with the LACO Electrical Code (NEC). The NEC is a recognized code adopted by ordinance providing minimum requirements and standards for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

### **What does a permit cost?**

Fees for electrical permits are itemized and based on types and quantities of electrical equipment. For more information refer to the Fee Information handout available at the Community Development Counter.

### **Who can apply for the permit?**

For owner-occupied residence and single family or duplex rentals, the owner or a contractor can apply for an electrical permit. For other categories of work, a licensed electrical contractor or a licensed general contractor may apply for an electrical permit.

### **What is the permit application process?**

For new construction work that requires a building permit, your electrical permit will be in addition to your building permit. For other construction work that is limited to installation and alteration of electrical system, an electrical permit can be issued at the Community Development Counter.

### **Who issues the permit and how long does it take?**

Electrical permits are issued by staff, and most permits are issued while you wait. Other electrical permits that are part of new construction will take longer depending on the type of project.

### **How do I arrange for an electrical inspection?**

Call the inspection request line at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2230 to request an inspection. No work is to be concealed without inspection approval.