



RESOLUTION NO. U-11636

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division,
2 amending Chapter 12.06A, of the Tacoma Municipal Code to adjust
3 certain fees, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2027, and
4 requesting that the Tacoma City Council pass an ordinance approving
5 the same.

6 WHEREAS Department of Public Utilities, Light Division ("Tacoma
7 Power") is requesting changes to Chapter 12.06A "Electrical Code" of the
8 Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), to recover increases in permitting and
9 inspection costs and make other updates, and

10 WHEREAS Tacoma Power is proposing an update to the inspection and
11 permitting fees to include increase in labor and administrative costs incurred by
12 Tacoma Power, and

13 WHEREAS these modifications are consistent with the cost-causation
14 principle in ratemaking, and

15 WHEREAS if fees are not updated, the additional expense associated
16 with these services will be paid by retail customers, and

17 WHEREAS other updates include an increase to amperage threshold
18 requiring electrical plan review; inclusion of an expedited electrical plan review
19 option; and administrative clarification and edits, Now, therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

21 That the Department of Public Utilities' Light Division's request to amend
22 and revise certain fees in Chapter 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code in
23 such form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board, is approved and the Tacoma
24 City Council is requested to pass an ordinance approving such amendments to
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Chapter 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code effective as of January 1, 2027,
with the final form to be approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Clerk Approved as to form:

Chair

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Secretary

Clerk

Adopted



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Tosha Siebert, Transmission & Distribution Section Manager
MEETING DATE: 10/28/2026
DATE: 10/05/2026

GUIDING PRINCIPLE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Guiding Principle(s) is supported by this action.

- ☒ Customer and Community
- ☐ Resource Sustainability and Stewardship
- ☐ Employees and Culture

SUMMARY: This is a request to consider a resolution to recommend changes to the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.06A, to recover increases in permitting and inspection costs and make other updates described below.

BACKGROUND: Tacoma Power is proposing an update to the inspection and permitting fees to include increases in labor and administrative costs incurred by Tacoma Power. These modifications are consistent with the cost-causation principle in ratemaking. If these fees are not updated, the additional expense associated with these services will be paid by retail customers. Other updates include:

- Increase to amperage threshold requiring electrical plan review
- Inclusion of an expedited electrical plan review option
- Administrative clarifications and edits

Updates to disconnection and reconnection fees as well as rental light pole fees will be brought forward under separate proposed changes to Chapters 12.01 Utility Charges and 12.06 Electric Energy – Regulations and Rates.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

These updated fees will cover the anticipated increase in costs for providing this service and administrative expenses incurred by receiving this revenue.

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No

ATTACHMENTS: Draft_TMC12.06A Electrical Code EDITS
Draft_TMC12.06A Electrical Code CLEAN

CONTACT:

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Supervisor's Name: Tosha Siebert, Transmission and Distribution Section Manager, 253-502-8286
Presenter: Michael Johnson, Central Business District Supervisor, 253-441-4525



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, City Manager
FROM: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities, Tacoma Public Utilities
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Proposed Rate Ordinance-revise TMC Chapter 12.06A regarding inspection and permitting
DATE: November 10, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06A the Electrical Code of the Municipal Code, relating to inspection and permitting fees, to recover additional and increased operating costs incurred by the Division, effective on January 1, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's recommendation is based on incurred cost increases. These modifications are consistent with the cost-causation principle in ratemaking. If these fees are not updated, the additional expense associated with these services will be paid by retail customers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Tacoma Power engages with the Master Builders Association of Pierce County on an ongoing basis. At these meetings, Power communicated proposed changes to be made to TMC 12.06, 12.06A and 12.01. This proposal was presented at the Public Utility Board meeting on October 14, 2026, followed by a public hearing.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *(Mandatory)*

By assigning costs associated with these services to those using the services, retail customers will not share the cost burden. This ensures under-represented communities will not be impacted through higher rates to subsidize these services.

Identify which Tacoma 2025 strategic goals your legislation most relates to, and then identify the [Equity Index Score](#) for those goals in the geography your proposal will affect. Select the indicator(s) this legislation is most related to, then briefly explain how this legislation will impact the selected indicator(s) and/or improve the Equity Index Score. *Use the dropdowns below and refer to guide for more information.*

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score: Very Low Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of people relocating to the city and affordability of housing compared to neighboring jurisdictions.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The proposed fee revisions align service costs with the customers who receive the services, rather than distributing those costs across the broader customer base. This approach helps maintain stable electric rates for residential customers and reduces cost pressures that can affect housing affordability. In communities with lower opportunity scores, avoiding additional utility rate impacts helps support household financial stability and



equitable access to essential utility services.

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1.Continue with the current inspection and permitting fees.	No action is needed.	Retail electric customers, who do not use these services, will be paying the operating expenses of those who do.
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EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Tacoma Power will continue to evaluate the costs of inspection and permitting services. The updated cost evaluation will be incorporated in the next rate-setting process.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Tacoma Power requests approval from the City Council to revise the inspection and permitting fees in Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 12.06A to recover additional and increased operating costs, effective on January 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Tacoma Power will receive approximately \$460,000 annually from this revision to fees, which will cover the additional and increased operating expenses.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.4700-Power			\$460,000
2.			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

The expenditures and revenues were planned using current electrical inspection operating costs and fee amounts. This request to increase fees will ensure recovery of the anticipated increases in operating costs, and will prevent shifting costs to other utility customers.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES



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Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

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EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 12.06A ELECTRICAL CODE

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§ 12.06A.160. Move-on housing.

In addition to the requirements of WAC 296 46B-010, any structure which has been moved shall have its service upgraded to meet the requirements of this chapter and the NEC. Kitchen, bath, and laundry circuits shall comply with the NEC. AFCI protection, in compliance with the NEC, will be required, ~~on all bedroom circuits.~~

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§ 12.06A.240. Filing of drawings and specifications.

A. A completed plan review application shall be submitted with information required to complete the review process including, but not limited to, documentation specified in the Plan Review Application Instructions. Submitted plans for projects identified in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this Section shall be in accordance with WAC 296 46B 900 and must be stamped by a Professional Electrical Engineer registered with the State of Washington.

B. Electrical Permit applicants are required to submit electrical plans, load calculations, and specifications for work to be performed on:

1. Schools, hospitals, institutions, and other projects as specified in the WAC;
2. All systems that have emergency generators (NEC Articles 517, 700, 701);
3. Downtown network services and feeders over 200 amps;
4. Systems operating over 600 volts;
5. Commercial and industrial services greater than 4800 amps;
6. Residential services and feeders over 4800 amps;

C. Electrical plans must be submitted to Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office for review, giving sufficient time to complete the review prior to beginning electrical construction. A Tacoma Power approved set of drawings must be on the job site for the electrical inspector's use. No inspection will be performed unless the approved plans are on the job site or special written permission is granted by the Chief Electrical Inspector or his designee. Where inspections are performed by Tacoma Power prior to plan approval, electrical materials or equipment may be required to be re-installed to meet the requirements of this chapter once plan review is complete. Electrical service will not be provided unless approved plans are on site and the electrical service equipment installation is approved.

D. Plan review fees are included in the commercial Permit fees. A fee of \$103 per hour will be charged when:

1. When Expedited plan review is requested; or
2. No Permit has been purchased and the project has been canceled; or
3. Excessive time is required to review plans submitted with incomplete information or extensive errors; a fee of \$80 per hour will be charged.

§ 12.06A.250. Permit fees.

Current standard fees for connecting electrical services to the Tacoma Power system, as well as the Permit fees and any penalties previously assessed, must be paid before an Electrical Permit will be issued. The Permit applicant is responsible to arrange for payment. Permit applications for which insufficient or no payment has been received will not be issued. Unpaid Permit submittals will be discarded by Tacoma Power if payment has not been received within 10 business days of receipt of application. Unless otherwise noted, when multiple inspections are required, the Permit fee shall not be less than ~~\$77-90~~ per 1/2 hour of inspection time. No inspection will be performed until the Permit application process is completed. Current standard fees for Electrical Permits and inspections by Tacoma Power are as follows:

A. Residential.

1. Table A. Single-family dwelling, ~~each dwelling of a two-family and dwelling,~~ and mobile home services, service changes, and service upgrades, fees are set forth in Table A below and include branch circuit wiring from the service(s) or feeder(s). All wiring by the same Permit Holder on single family dwellings of 400 amps/4000 sq. ft. or less is included under the fees from Table A unless otherwise noted below.

TABLE A			
Service/Feeder Ampacity and Square Footage	Column 1 Overhead Service - up to 2 inspections	Permit Fees Column 2	Column 3 Feeder, ~~Only~~ up to 2 inspections
		Underground to Pole and Underground Service with underground wiring - up to 4 inspections	
1-200A and up to 2500 sq. ft.	\$ ~~179~~ <u>153</u>	\$ ~~357~~ <u>306</u>	\$ ~~143~~ <u>125</u>
Up to 400A or up to 4000 sq. ft.	\$ ~~268~~ <u>230</u>	\$ ~~446~~ <u>382</u>	\$ ~~179~~ <u>140</u>
Over 400A or over 4000 sq. ft.	Use TABLE B		

2. Branch circuit alterations and repairs. The fee for 1 to 4 new circuits, circuit extensions, or alterations where the service or feeder is not modified, increased, relocated, or replaced: \$~~89~~107. Use Table A if service or feeder work is included. Each additional circuit: \$~~40~~12. Fee includes two inspections.

3. Service alterations and repairs. Minor alterations and repairs to an electrical service or PV system, including, but not limited to, the repair or replacement of one of the following: service panel, service mast, service entrance conductors, weather head, service attachment bracket, meter socket, main breaker, or utility disconnect: \$~~77~~90. If more than one item listed above is altered or replaced: \$~~153~~179. Fee includes one inspection.

4. Hardwired low voltage. Single-family Dwellings—Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, and similar systems: \$~~77~~90. Fee includes one inspection.

5. Temporary services 1-200 amps single phase: \$~~77~~90. Fee includes one inspection.

Temporary services over 200 amps or three phase and systems with feeders: Table B.

Temporary services are permitted for use up to 90 days or the duration of a permitted construction project.

6. Residential swimming pool (In addition to any other fees listed): \$~~230~~268. Fee includes three inspections.

7. Generator transfer panel and equipment: \$~~105~~107. Fee includes one inspection.

8. PV systems: \$~~153~~179. Fee includes two inspections.

B. Commercial and industrial.

1. Table B. The Permit fee for all commercial and industrial work, multifamily dwelling installations, and single family dwellings exceeding 400 ~~amps~~amps, or 4000 square feet shall be derived from Table B. Proof of electrical work value must be submitted at the time of application. Proof may be established by presenting a signed contract or a priced itemization of the work to be performed. The electrical work value shall be the reasonably documented value of all labor, material, fittings, apparatus, and the like, whether actually paid for or not, supplied by the Permit Holder and/or installed by the Permit Holder as a part of, or in connection with, a complete electrical system, but which does not include the cost of utilizing equipment connected to the electrical system. If a signed contract or other substantial proof of value is not submitted at the time of Permit application, the value may be established by Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office using modern construction cost-estimating techniques. If the ~~reported~~ work value is determined by Tacoma Power's electrical inspection office to be significantly ~~less~~more than what was reported at the time the Permit was purchased, the Permit fee amount will be increased to reflect the corrected actual value and a charge for the time to determine such value will be assessed to the Permit fee. A fee adjustment shall be made for all change orders and field changes that increase the value. All fees must be paid before final electrical inspection approval of the project.

TABLE B

Value of Electrical Construction	Permit Fees
\$0 - \$1,000	~~\$133~~ <u>154</u> for the first \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$1,001 - \$5,000	~~\$133~~ <u>154</u> for the first \$1,000 plus ~~\$5.35~~ <u>6.20</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$5,001 - \$50,000	~~\$347~~ <u>402</u> for the first \$5,000 plus ~~\$2.70~~ <u>3.15</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$50,001 - \$100,000	~~\$1,562~~ <u>1,819</u> for the first \$50,000 plus ~~\$2.30~~ <u>2</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$100,001 - \$250,000	~~\$2,562~~ <u>2,969</u> for the first \$100,000 plus ~~\$13.90~~ <u>12</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$250,001 - \$500,000	~~\$5,054~~ <u>4,362</u> for the first \$250,000 plus ~~\$10.70~~ <u>12.40</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$500,001 - \$750,000	~~\$8,154~~ <u>7,037</u> for the first \$500,000 plus ~~\$10.90~~ <u>9.40</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	~~\$10,879~~ <u>9,387</u> for the first \$750,000 plus ~~\$89.30~~ <u>89</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	~~\$13,204~~ <u>11,387</u> for the first \$1,000,000 plus ~~\$7.35~~ <u>8.55</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	~~\$21,754~~ <u>18,737</u> for the first \$2,000,000 plus ~~\$7.70~~ <u>6.65</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$3,000,001 - \$4,000,000	~~\$29,454~~ <u>25,387</u> for the first \$3,000,000 plus ~~\$6.95~~ <u>6</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$4,000,001 - \$5,000,000	~~\$36,404~~ <u>31,387</u> for the first \$4,000,000 plus ~~\$5.35~~ <u>6.20</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000	~~\$42,604~~ <u>36,737</u> for the first \$5,000,000 plus ~~\$5.40~~ <u>4.65</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$50,000,001 - \$100,000,000	~~\$285,604~~ <u>245,987</u> for the first \$50,000,000 plus ~~\$44.65~~ <u>44</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$100,000,001 and up	~~\$518,104~~ <u>445,987</u> for the first \$100,000,000 plus ~~\$3.90~~ <u>35</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

2. Lighting retrofit projects limited to the exchange of fixtures and/or ballasts.

Minimum fee per 5,000 sq. ft. of Building: ~~\$153~~ 179.

Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of: ~~\$18~~ 6.

3. Traffic signals. Traffic signal and street lighting service only.

(If street lighting is inspected by authorized cities or WSDOT): ~~\$153~~ 179.

All others: Table B.

4. Signs.

Each sign or first field installed neon transformer: ~~\$77~~ 90.

Each additional sign or field installed neon transformer: ~~\$28~~ 32.

Fee includes one inspection.

5. Carnival, circus, fair, trade shows, or similar events.

First ten of rides, generators, concessions, gaming shows, displays, or booths: ~~\$181~~ 223.

Each additional: ~~\$12~~ 10.

- C. Hardwired low voltage – Commercial/Industrial. Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, communication systems, emergency

control systems, and similar systems are as follows:

Minimum fee per 10,000 sq. ft. of Building: ~~\$179153~~.

Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of: ~~\$1618~~.

D. Overtime. Overtime inspections including, but not limited to, call outs, weekend inspections, and ~~after hours~~after-hours work must be scheduled with Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office a minimum of three business days in advance. In addition to the regular Permit fee, a fee for an overtime inspection is required as follows:

1. Unscheduled. Outside of an electrical inspector's regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$660 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$220 for each hour thereafter. The fee must be paid the next business day.

2. Scheduled. Outside of an electrical inspector's regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$440 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$220 for each hour thereafter. The fee of \$440 must be paid 48 hours in advance of the scheduled inspection, and any remaining fee must be paid the next business day.

3. Requested inspections that extend beyond the electrical inspector's regular working hours shall be at the minimum rate of \$220 per hour, ~~portal to portal~~. Total time for billing purposes shall include travel time from or to the employee's reporting location, as applicable.

E. Annual permit. Pursuant to section 12.06A.350, annual Permits are available to commercial and industrial customers employing their own electrical maintenance staff. An annual Permit may be purchased in lieu of individual Permits for maintenance on each job performed. Annual Permits may be purchased by an electrical contractor to perform maintenance work at a commercial and industrial location if, at the time of application, a valid copy of the electrical contractor's yearly maintenance contract with the customer is submitted to Tacoma Power and the term and nature of work under such contract is consistent, as determined in the sole discretion of Tacoma Power, with the term and purpose of the annual Permit. Applications for annual Permits submitted without proof of required employment status or a valid maintenance contract will not be accepted. Work performed under an annual Permit is limited to the installation of not more than two new feeders or circuits rated 100 amps or less, and the maintenance, repair, retrofit, or replacement of conductors and equipment. Annual Permits do not include the installation of new, exchanged, or upgraded service equipment, electrical work installed as part of new or added square footage, facility expansion, remodel, or where, except as noted above, load is increased. The annual Permit fee is calculated per Table C.

TABLE C	
Number of one-hour Inspection units	Fee
12	~~\$1,8332,138~~
13-24	~~\$3,6664,275~~
25-36	~~\$5,4996,412~~
37-52	~~\$7,9429,262~~

F. Miscellaneous fees.

1. Wrong meter address or location. A Permit is required to correct or inspect incorrect meter addressing by the Owner or Owner's agent: ~~\$7790~~ per 1/2 hour. Overtime rates may apply.

2. Miscellaneous inspection (other): ~~\$7790~~ per 1/2 hour.

3. Variance. A processing fee for granting an electrical installation as outlined in Section 12.06A.155 of this chapter: ~~\$177205~~.

4. Required inspection on services off for one year or more: ~~\$7790~~. Fee includes one inspection.

An additional Permit, fees, and inspections may be required if electrical deficiencies exist on the Premises.

§ 12.06A.260. Penalty fees and fee adjustments.

The following-described penalties may be assessed, or the described fee adjustments may be determined appropriate, by order of the Chief Electrical Inspector:

A. Trip fee (per trip) when permit holder notifies Electrical Inspections Office that work is ready for inspection when it is not: ~~\$7790~~.

B. The Permit Holder gives an incorrect inspection site address: ~~\$7790~~.

- C. Inspections required as a result of carelessness, neglect, faulty workmanship, or materials: \$7790.
- D. Failing to complete corrections within 15 days as required by this chapter: \$7790.
- E. Removal of Stop Work Order: \$7790.
- F. Tampering with Stop Work Order penalty fee: \$7790.
- G. Occupying a Building, living unit, or business space without final electrical approval: \$348410.
- H. Work performed without a Permit: 4X regular Permit fee. This provision does not pertain to emergency work where a permit is purchased the next business day.
- I. Failure to provide or arrange access for requested inspection: \$7790.
- J. Late charge for nonpayment of penalty fees: \$3238.
- K. Permit cancellation administrative process fee: \$7790.

§ 12.06A.270. Penalty and adjustment fee appeals.

Penalty and Permit adjustment fees are due at the time of assessment unless the assessed party makes an appeal to the Chief Electrical Inspector within 15 business days pursuant to Section 12.06A.360. If payment or appeal is not made within the 15 days, an additional \$32-38 late fee will be ~~assessed~~assessed, and inspection activity will be stopped until the fee and late charges are paid.

§ 12.06A.300. Protection of electrical workers.

All clearances per the State of Washington rules contained in WAC 296-155-428 must be maintained while working around overhead electrical lines.

§ 12.06A.350. License requirements.

A. Subject to subsections B and C, and except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.28.091 or in section 12.06A.230, no person or entity shall in any manner undertake to perform any electrical work involving the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment for which a Permit is required by this chapter unless such person or entity has an unrevoked, unsuspended, and unexpired electrical contractors license issued by the State of Washington.

B. Employers with employee(s) that perform electrical work are exempt from the license requirements of this section, provided that:

1. The work performed is on the employer's Premises or other property; and
2. The work is not on the construction or remodel of a Building or other property intended for rent, sale, or lease.
3. Employees performing electrical work on the Premises or other property of their employer are exempt from the license requirements of this section, provided that:
 4. The work is not on the construction or remodel of a Building or property intended for rent, sale, or lease; and
 5. The employee performing the work is a regular, ~~full-time~~full-time employee of the Owner of such Building or property.

D. A licensed electrical contractor will be required to perform any electrical work for, or on behalf of, any person or entity that does not satisfy the licensing requirements of this section. If it is apparent from the character of the work performed that the person or entity performing work under any exemption in this section is not qualified to do the work under the Permit issued, or that the work is otherwise in violation of this chapter, an electrical inspector may require the work to be changed, altered, or repaired by a licensed electrical contractor.

§ 12.06A.360. Appeal process.

A. Any decision of an electrical inspector regarding the requirements of, or fees and penalties imposed under this chapter, may be appealed in writing to the Chief Electrical Inspector. The appeal must be made within 15 business days of the initial decision. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall respond in writing within ten business days.

B. Any decision of the Chief Electrical Inspector may be appealed to the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee. The appeal must be made in writing and within ten business days of the Chief Electrical Inspector's decision. The Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee shall make a decision on the appeal request within a reasonable time, which decision shall be in writing. Except for criminal and civil penalties imposed pursuant to section 12.06A.400 of this chapter, the written decision of the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee is final and conclusive unless appropriate legal action is filed with the Pierce County Superior Court within 30 days of the issuance of said decision.

§ 12.06A.370. Additional rules may be made by Director.

The Director of Utilities may make such rules and regulations governing the operation of this chapter as are not inconsistent with its provisions. The Director may grant reasonable minor adjustments in cases where the terms of this chapter place an injustice upon a customer if after written evidence has been presented to the Director it is shown that irregular circumstances of the customer's load, service and/or other conditions warrant such adjustment.

§ 12.06A.380. Classification of occupancies and wiring methods.

A. An entire service upgrade shall not be required when only replacing a meter base, or mast, or panel, unless the load requirement is greater than the rating of the existing service and/or specific electrical safety concerns associated with said equipment are detected.

B. Service entrance conductors for commercial occupancies shall have an ampacity not less than the rating of the service equipment they supply. For ~~multiple-multifamily~~ dwelling occupancies, the minimum service conductor ampacity shall not be less than the calculated service load.

C. Commissioning of all new Emergency Legally Required Standby, and/or Health Care systems fed by a 150 kw or larger generator shall be in compliance with NEC Sections 700, 701 and 517, respectively. A copy of the commissioning report shall be presented to the electrical inspector prior to the final electrical inspection.

D. Customer-owned systems that are metered at 12.5 kV or higher, known as primary metered systems, shall be installed as outlined in NEC 215.2(B)(3) and Tacoma Power's Transmission & Distribution Construction Standards. Such systems must be designed and certified by a Washington State Registered Electrical Engineer and reviewed by Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office. These systems must be tested per manufacturers' published instructions and certified as free of short circuits and ground faults prior to approval for energizing.

E. Each newly constructed or remodeled dwelling unit, as defined in NEC 100, shall be independently metered by Tacoma Power.

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