



Electrical Installation Variance Application

Please allow two weeks for processing
INCLUDE \$140.00 - Required Processing Fee

Mail application to:
Tacoma Power
Electrical Inspection Department
3628 South 35th Street
Tacoma Washington 98409-3192

Applicant Name

Address

City State Zip

Contact Person

Phone Number Fax Number

Electrical Contractor

Property Owner

Location where variance is requested

Variance requested from NEC, WAC, and/or City Electrical Code Section

Code Section reads

Statement of problem

Alternate
Method
Proposal

Has the installation been made? Yes No

Has a correction notice been issued by the inspection section? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date on correction notice?

Location

Name of inspector that issued the correction notice

Please Attach:

1. A diagram or one line drawing, photos, manufactures brochures, and/or other information to support your application.
2. A copy of the original correction notice, if issued.

Print Form

Variance Application Information

\$140.00 Variance request processing fee must accompany your request.

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What is a variance?

A variance is an allowable deviation from specific requirements of a National Electrical Code (NEC), Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-46B, or City of Tacoma Electrical Code section where a proposed alternate method of installation will provide equal or higher safety objectives.

What won't a variance do?

A variance will not avoid compliance with the intention of a code section or rule. A variance is not a way to recover from an installation or design error. A variance will not be granted if the alternate method would reduce the safety of the installation or equipment.

What does a variance cover?

If the variance is granted, it shall be limited to the particular site and installation covered in the application and will NOT be considered as a precedent for other installations.

Who may apply for a variance?

Only the property owner or electrical contractor, those responsible for compliance with RCW 19.28, may apply for a variance.

Who grants a variance?

A variance is granted only by the City of Tacoma Chief Electrical Inspector upon written request, as outlined in Section 12.06A.155 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

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