

Electrical Plan Review Requirements

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A. Work on any part of the electrical system shall not be performed unless a plan review is conducted and a permit is issued by the Building Division for any of the following types of projects:

- Group A (assembly occupancies)
- Group B and M (assembly) occupancies involving new or relocated lighting employing the tailored method for lighting energy compliance.
- Group energy B, F-1, and M (offices, factories, and mercantile) occupancies with hazardous materials
- Group E (educational) occupancies
- Group F-2 (factories and manufacturing plants) occupancies
- Group H (hazardous material) occupancies
- Group I (institutional) occupancies
- Group L (laboratories) occupancies
- Group R-1 and R-2 (apartments, condominiums, hotels and motels) occupancies
- Townhouses and condominiums in Group R-3 occupancies
- Group S-1 (repair garages) occupancies
- Group S-2 (cold storage) occupancies
- Restaurants, food handling and drinking establishments
- Health Care facilities (i.e. medical, dental and chiropractic)
- Buildings exceeding 10,000 square feet per permitted area
- All high rise buildings (over 75 feet in height)
- New or upgraded main services 800 amps and greater, or when an overall main service disconnect is required
- Photovoltaic system installations for Multifamily or Commercial/Industrial projects
- Complex electrical installations that require resources or inspection time not afforded the field inspection staff
- Site Lighting

NOTE: Permit applicants, engineers and architects who wish to have the Building Division conduct a plan review of projects which would not normally require one may, in writing, request for such plan review and pay the appropriate fees for such service.

B. For all other types of projects, permits shall be issued by the Building division without conducting a plan review. However, plan review shall be conducted by the inspector at the job site during inspection. For non-residential projects, electrical plans, diagrams, sketches and calculations, shall be kept at the job site for the inspector's review and reference.

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