CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
BUILDING PERMIT POLICY

Subject:	**ELECTRICAL PLAN REVIEW REQUIRED**	
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Reference: 20252 Denver Commercial Building Code (DCBC) Section 1 Administration Sections 130.3.2 & 133 Drawings, Specifications and Surveys; 20252 Denver Residential Code (DRC)

This policy clarifies if a quick permit can be issued for the minor alteration and repair of existing buildings and utilities without the submittal of drawings or specifications for electrical plan review. The below criteria identify when the review of stamped and signed engineered electrical plans is required for issuance of an electrical permit.

Applications for electrical permits covering the following installations must be accompanied by engineered drawings and specifications as described in DCBC 133.2.1 #8. Please note that computer-generated, non-constructible diagrams created by short circuit, selective coordination, or other calculating programs will not be accepted.

The following installations require a formal submittal and plan review of stamped and signed engineered electrical plans:

1. Commercial electrical installations of new services or modifications to existing services for all ampacity ratings.
2. Commercial installations with any of the following:
    a. Ten or more new 15- or 20-amp, single pole circuits.
    b. Any new circuit rated above 20 amps.
    c. Any multi-pole or multi-phase electrical loads.
    d. Changes to the existing electrical distribution, including panelboards, transformers, generators, or other electrical distribution equipment.
3. Electrical service upgrade or new installations for residential one- and two-family dwelling units where the service ampacity is, or will be, rated for over 400 amps, single-phase.
4. Installation of a separate independent electrical service or service upgrade to a detached accessory structure on a one- and two-family zone lot where an existing separate independent electrical service already exits to a different structure located on the same zone lot.

    Exceptions:

    a. If the use of the detached accessory structure has been determined and approved by Zoning, a review of engineered plans for the new service to the detached accessory structure will not be required provided that the electrical service will be rated for 400 amps or less, single-phase.

    b. If the new electrical service will be installed solely to charge electric vehicles and will be rated 400 amps or less, single-phase, no engineered plans will be required for review.
5. Temporary services to trailers, tents, or other temporary structures.
6. Temporary services for construction where used for the construction of all buildings and structures other than residential one- and two-family dwellings, if rated over 400A and 3-phase.
7. Temporary generators for special events lasting longer than 72 hours unless approved by the Building Official.
8. New HVAC equipment that requires more than one new 20A,120V or 277V circuit. For replacement HVAC equipment, refer to the Commercial Building Equipment Replacement Guide for allowable electrical quick permitting.
9. All commercial and multi-family photovoltaic systems regardless of kW DC rating.
10. All photovoltaic systems for residential one- and two-family dwelling units and DRC townhomes where rated 10kW DC and above, or where solar shingles will be installed.
11. All other new work, modifications, revisions, or additions to the electrical design not included in the above list.

Unless included in the list of items above, a quick permit may be issued for electrical work without the need for signed and stamped electrical engineered drawings and specifications. Refer to the Quick Permits website for Electrical What is Allowed for a list of projects that can be issued as a quick permit.

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