

REQUEST FOR \square ORDINANCE \square RESOLUTION

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Ord./Res. #:	20170		

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1. DATE: July 01, 2013

2. Sponsored By: Council Member(s) N/A (If no sponsor, enter "N/A")				
3a. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/PROGRAM Electrical Inspection/Transmission & Distribution/Tacoma Power 3b. "Do Pass" from [Committee Name] Yes No To Committee as information only Did not go before a Committee 3c. DID THIS ITEM GO BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD? Yes, on August 14, 2013 Not required	4a. CONTACT (for questions): James Hellman	253-502-8439		
	4b. Person Presenting: James Hellman	PHONE: 253-502-8439		
	4c. ATTORNEY: Ward Groves	PHONE: 253-502-8217		
Department Director/Utility Division	Budget Officer/Finance Director	City Manager/Director Utilities		

5. REQUESTED COUNCIL DATE: September 10, 2013

Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager

(If a specific council meeting date is required, explain why; i.e., grant application deadline, contract expiration date, required contract execution date, public notice or hearing required, etc.)

6. SUMMARY AGENDA TITLE: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council agenda.)

Approve an amendment to the City's Electrical Code, Section 2.04.350 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, related to electrical licensing requirements.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DISCUSSION: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

Adoption of the amendments to the City's Electrical Code, Section 2.04.350 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, will update and clarify the electrical licensing requirements and exemptions applicable to electrical work performed within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction. The proposed amendments will clarify the types of persons and entities performing electrical work that are exempt from Tacoma Power's electrical contractor's license requirement. The proposed amendments will provide our customers with accurate information regarding the requirements they must meet in order to obtain an electrical permit and perform electrical work within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction.

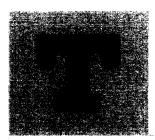
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8.LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACK Source Documents/Backu			INDICATE WHERE FILED; of Document		
a. Memo to the Board and Council from Bill Gaines dated July 01, 2013		City Clerk's Office			
b. Existing Electrical Code w changes-Exhibit A	ith proposed	City C	lerk's Office		
9. WHICH OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC G	OALS DOES THIS ITE	M SUPPORT? (CHECK	THE GOAL THAT BEST APPLIES)		
A. 🔀 A SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY					
B. A DIVERSE, PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY					
C. 🗌 A HIGI	H-PERFORMING, OPEN	AND ENGAGED GOVE	RNMENT		
10. If this contract is for an amoun	T OF \$200,000 OR LES	S, EXPLAIN WHY IT N	EEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:		
☐ YES	⊠ No				
11. FINANCIAL IMPACT: EXPEN	DITURE RE	VENUE			
A. 🛛 No Im	PACT (NO FISCAL NOT	E)			
B. 🗌 YES, O	VER \$100,000, Fiscal I	Note Attached			
	NDER \$100,000, (NO FI le funding source info	•			
FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount o	f funding from each s	ource)			
Fund Number & Name: State \$	City \$	Other \$	Total Amount		
If an expenditure, is it budgeted?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Where? Cost Cen	ter: et #:		



TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

3628 South 35th Street

Tacoma, Washington 98409-3192

July 12, 2013

Honorable Mayor and Council Members and Members of the Public Utility Board

Recommendation:

Tacoma Power recommends that the Public Utility Board and City Council approve amendments to the City's Electrical Code, Section 2.04.350 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, to clarify the electrical licensing requirements applicable to work performed within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction.

Background:

The intent of Section 2.04.350 is to identify the electrical contractor's license requirement for, and exemptions applicable to, persons and entities performing electrical work within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction. The existing language in Section 2.04.350 needs to be updated and clarified to better state the intended exemptions to the licensing requirement and actual enforcement practices. The proposed amendments also clarify Tacoma Power's electrical license exemptions to avoid possible conflict with State law.

Summary:

Adoption of the amendments to the City's Electrical Code, Section 2.04.350 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, will update and clarify the types of persons and entities performing electrical work that are exempt from Tacoma Power's electrical contractor license requirement. The proposed amendments will provide our customers with accurate information regarding the requirements they must meet in order to obtain an electrical permit and perform electrical work within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction.

Tacoma Power requests the Public Utility Board approve the proposed amendments to Section 2.04.350 and recommend that the City Council take the necessary action to adopt those amendments by ordinance for the reasons set forth above.

Sincerely!

William A. Gaines

Director of Utilities/CEO





