



REQUEST FOR
[X] ORDINANCE [] RESOLUTION

Request #: 13589
Ord./Res. #: 28170

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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, [X] Did not go before a Committee
3c. DID THIS ITEM GO BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD?: [X] Yes, on August 14, 2013, [] Not required
4a. CONTACT (for questions): James Hellman
4b. Person Presenting: James Hellman
4c. ATTORNEY: Ward Groves
City Manager/Director Utilities: Tansy Hayward

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 BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Source Documents/Backup Material	Location of Document
a. Memo to the Board and Council from Bill Gaines dated July 01, 2013	City Clerk's Office
b. Existing Electrical Code with proposed changes-Exhibit A	City Clerk's Office

9. WHICH OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS DOES THIS ITEM SUPPORT? (CHECK THE GOAL THAT BEST APPLIES)

- A. A SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY
- B. A DIVERSE, PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
- C. A HIGH-PERFORMING, OPEN AND ENGAGED GOVERNMENT

10. IF THIS CONTRACT IS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 OR LESS, EXPLAIN WHY IT NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:

- YES
- NO

11. FINANCIAL IMPACT: EXPENDITURE REVENUE

- A. NO IMPACT (NO FISCAL NOTE)
- B. YES, OVER \$100,000, Fiscal Note Attached
- C. YES, UNDER \$100,000, (NO FISCAL NOTE)
Provide funding source information below:

FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	City \$	Other \$	Total Amount
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If an expenditure, is it budgeted? Yes No Where? Cost Center:
Acct #:

TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES
3628 South 35th Street
Tacoma, Washington 98409-3192

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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

