



## ORDINANCE NO. 28443

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Power Division  
2 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power"); repealing and reenacting the City's Electrical  
3 Code from Chapter 2.04 of the Tacoma Municipal Code to a new  
4 Chapter 12.06A.

4 WHEREAS the City's Electrical Code, currently codified under Chapter 2.04  
5 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), relates to requirements for electrical  
6 service plan reviews, service, metering equipment installations, and electrical  
7 permits, and

9 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division  
10 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power") is recommending the repeal and reenactment of the City's  
11 Electrical Code, from Chapter 2.04 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") to  
12 Chapter 12.06A, and

13 WHEREAS the sections of TMC 2.04 will be re-numbered to reflect  
14 assignment to a new Chapter 12.06A, and

16 WHEREAS additional amendments to the Electrical Code will (1) clarify  
17 adoption and application of the current safety standards and practices contained in  
18 the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code; (2) provide minor housekeeping  
19 changes to Code language; and (3) change references to TMC 2.04 appearing in  
20 other parts of the TMC, and

22 WHEREAS repealing and reenacting the Electrical Code under  
23 Chapter 12.06A as part of Title 12, City Utilities, ensures similar subject matters  
24 are grouped together in the TMC, and

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WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the customers of Tacoma Power and the citizens of Tacoma that proposed revisions to the TMC be approved; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 2.04 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”), Electrical Code, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That there is hereby enacted a new Chapter 12.06A of the TMC, entitled “Electrical Code,” as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 3. That Chapter 2.01 of the TMC is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit “B.”

Section 4. That Chapter 2.02 of the TMC is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit “C.”

Section 5. That Chapter 2.05 of the TMC is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit “D.”

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney

# **“EXHIBIT A”**

## **Chapter 12.06A** **ELECTRICAL CODE**

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### **12.06A.010 Title.**

[This Chapter shall be known as the Electrical Code of the City of Tacoma or alternatively the Tacoma Electrical Code.](#)

### **12.06A.020 Purpose.**

[The purpose of this Code is the practical safeguarding of persons and property from electrical hazards arising from the use of electricity. This Code contains provisions that are considered necessary for safety. Compliance with this chapter and proper maintenance will result in an installation that is reasonably free from hazard, but not necessarily the most efficient, convenient, or adequate for good service or future expansion of electrical use. Additional guidance for efficient and convenient future expansion of electrical use and systems is found in the National Electric Code \(“NEC”\).](#)

### **12.06A.030 Scope of chapter.**

[The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all electrical conductors and equipment installed, used, rented, offered for sale, or distributed for use in areas served by the City, by and through its Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, and its franchised entities, except as shown in Article 90.2\(B\) of the 2017 Edition of the NEC.](#)

### **12.06A.035 Adoption.**

A. RCW and WAC adoption and incorporation by reference. Except as otherwise specified in this chapter, the City hereby adopts and incorporates into this chapter, the Tacoma Electrical Code, those provisions of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) contained in Chapter 19.28, and the Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”), Chapter 296-46B, that relate to electrical installations including, but not limited to, methods of construction, repair, maintenance, use of materials, and approval of such installations intended to insure the safety of life and property.

B. NEC adoption. The City hereby adopts and incorporates into this chapter, the Tacoma Electrical Code, the provisions of the 2017 Edition of the NEC in its entirety.

C. In the event any NEC, RCW or WAC provision adopted pursuant to this section is hereafter amended, said amended provision shall be deemed adopted and incorporated into this chapter as of the effective date of such amendment unless the amended provision establishes standards of electrical installations that are not equal to, higher, or better than that required by any other NEC, RCW or WAC provision then in effect. It is the intent of this section that, except as otherwise expressly required or provided under this chapter, the highest standard of electrical installations specified in the NEC, RCW and/or WAC is adopted and shall be enforced per the Tacoma Electrical Code.

### **12.06A.040 Standards for installations.**

A. All electrical installations shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Code and with approved electrical standards for safety to life and property. Where no specific standards are prescribed by this Code, conformity with the requirements or rules set forth in the current edition of the NEC, as amended by the WAC, shall be prima facie evidence of conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property. If any requirements or rules in this chapter are found to be not at an equal, higher, or better standard of materials, devices, appliances, and equipment than of those of the WAC, the requirements of the WAC will prevail. The current edition of the NEC shall mean the current edition of the NEC, as adopted by the City in Section 12.06A.035.

B. Additional City requirements applicable to the provisions of this Code are stated in the:

1. Tacoma Power Customer Service Policies, as promulgated or revised from time to time, on file with the Clerk of the Public Utility Board.

2. Tacoma Power Electric Service Handbook, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee, on file with Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office, and

3. Tacoma Power Transmission and Distribution Construction Standards, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee, on file with Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office.

### **12.06A.050 Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter and each section, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

### **12.06A.060 Enforcement of chapter.**

The Chief Electrical Inspector of the Light Division of the Department of Public Utilities, hereinafter called the Chief Electrical Inspector, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this chapter.

### **12.06A.070 Definitions.**

“Building” means the structure, of any type or designation, at which work under the Electrical Permit will be performed and which is located at the Premises identified by site address on the application for the Permit.

“City” means the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, doing business as Tacoma Power.

“Code” means this chapter of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

“Contractor” means the person, firm, or corporation performing the installation of electrical work pursuant to an Electrical Permit and licensed by the State of Washington. Also referred to herein as electrical contractor.

“Electrical Inspection Office” means the office within Tacoma Power charged with administration and enforcement of this Code under the immediate supervision of the Chief Electrical Inspector.

“Electrical Permit” or “Permit” means a fully paid, and neither expired nor terminated permit issued by Tacoma Power.

“Occupying” means moving furnishings, material, merchandise, or persons into a Building or Premises.

“Owner” means the legal owner of the Premises on which electrical work is installed or is to be installed.

“Permit Holder” means the person or entity that applies for and is issued an Electrical Permit. The Permit Holder shall be responsible for full compliance with the requirements of this chapter. When the Permit Holder is not the Owner of the Premises identified in the Permit application, but performs electrical work at the Premises for such Owner, the Permit Holder shall be deemed to be the authorized agent of the Owner for purposes of enforcement of this chapter and, therefore, such Owner shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Permit Holder including, but not limited to, correction of Code violations and the payment of fees or penalties arising under the Permit.

“Premises” means real property and all Buildings and other improvements located thereon.

“Service Point” means the point where the customer’s service conductors are connected to Tacoma Power’s service utility conductors.

“Stop Work Order” means a written notice posted by the electrical inspector ordering the electrical work to be suspended until the electrical inspector removes the notice.

#### **12.06A.080 Duties of Chief Electrical Inspector.**

It shall be the duty of the Chief Electrical Inspector to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall, upon application, issue Permits for the installation or alteration of electrical wiring, devices, appliances, and equipment, and shall make inspections of electrical installations as provided in this chapter. The Chief Electrical Inspector may delegate appropriate inspection and enforcement duties prescribed by this chapter to electrical inspectors, assistants, and other persons duly qualified and regularly employed by the City.

#### **12.06A.090 Effective date of chapter.**

Any electrical work for which a Permit was obtained before the date on which this chapter becomes effective may be installed and completed in accordance with the laws and regulations which were in effect at the time of issuance of any such Permit.

#### **12.06A.100 Inspection of new electrical installations.**

A. Rough-in wiring or installation of electrical equipment not listed for use in wet locations shall only be installed in a structure or area of a structure that is completely free of exposure to the elements.

B. Requests for inspection must be made by the Permit Holder that installed electrical equipment no later than three business days after completion of the electrical/telecommunication installation or one business day after any part of the installation has been energized, whichever occurs first.

C. Electrical wiring shall not be covered or concealed until such wiring has been approved by Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office. Where an electrical installation is covered or concealed before approval, it shall be exposed for inspection. The City shall bear no liability for damages or costs resulting from exposing the electrical installation.

#### **12.06A.110 Inspection of existing electrical installations.**

A. The Chief Electrical Inspector is hereby empowered to inspect all existing wiring, appliances, devices, and equipment coming within the scope of this chapter. When the installation of any such wiring, appliance, device, or equipment is determined to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition, the person, firm, or corporation owning, using, or operating the same shall be notified and shall make the necessary repairs or changes required to place such wiring, appliances, devices, or equipment in a safe condition, and have such work completed within 48 hours after notification thereof, or within such further reasonable time as may be allowed by Tacoma Power upon request.

B. The Chief Electrical Inspector is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service to such conductors or apparatus found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition, or to have been installed without a Permit. He or she shall thereupon attach a notice, which states that such conductors or apparatus have been disconnected due to violation of the provisions of this chapter. It shall be unlawful to remove a notice of disconnect or to reconnect electrical equipment to an electrical power source without authorization from the Chief Electrical Inspector. Any person removing the notice, or reconnecting the equipment or wiring before approval to do so has been given, will be subject to the penalties outlined in this chapter.

C. Abandoned conductors, conduits, and electrical equipment shall be removed from structures unless it is de-energized, supported, capped, and enclosed or terminated by an acceptable method and tagged “For Future Use” at every accessible location.

#### **12.06A.120 Final inspection and service approval.**

A. Final inspections are required on all Buildings before occupancy. Each unit of a multiple occupancy Building or complex must have a separate final electrical inspection approval before it is occupied. The Permit Holder is required to request a final

inspection at the time the electrical installation is completed. A Permit Holder not complying with the requirements of this section shall be subject to the penalties outlined in this chapter.

B. Final approval will not be given until all fees owed on the project or Permit(s) are paid. When all fees are paid, and the electrical installation is complete and in compliance with this chapter the electrical inspector will sign and/or post a final inspection approval notice. Building permits requiring an electrical inspector's signed approval shall be posted in a conspicuous location.

C. The Chief Electrical Inspector is hereby authorized to disconnect any electrical installation or equipment which has been connected before the approval for service has been given. He or she shall thereupon attach a notice which shall state that the wiring or apparatus has been disconnected due to violation of the provisions of this chapter. Any person removing the notice, or reconnecting the equipment or wiring before approval to do so has been given, will be subject to the penalties outlined in this chapter.

#### **12.06A.130 Temporary wiring.**

Limited use of electricity for emergency or construction purposes may be granted. An Electrical Permit must be purchased and inspection approval must be given before energizing the electrical installation, except as provided in this chapter. Emergency installations shall be limited to a 30-day period. Temporary wiring for construction use is limited to the duration of construction. All use of electricity shall be metered.

#### **12.06A.135 Metering installations and labeling.**

A. Meter height. No meter shall be installed at a height greater than six feet from the front working surface or grade to the mid-point of the meter glass and no lower than five feet from the front working surface or grade to the mid-point of meter glass, except as stated in subsections 1-4 below and as provided in the Tacoma Power Electric Service Handbook and in the Tacoma Power Transmission and Distribution Construction Standards shall apply to all electric meter installations.

1. Commercial multi-metering installed in a vertical configuration shall not be installed below 36 inches from the front working surface or grade to the mid-point of the meter.

2. Residential multi-metering installed in a vertical configuration shall not be installed below 28 inches from the front working surface or grade to the mid -point of the meter.

3. Listed service pedestals and packages containing integral meter sockets, installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, are allowed to be at the height for which they are designed.

4. Special permission is granted by the Chief Electrical Inspector.

B. All meters in a multiple occupancy Building shall be accurately marked to identify the units they serve. Labels must be of sufficient durability to withstand removal from rubbing, fading, or environmental exposure. Label characters must be a minimum 1/2-inch tall and of a contrasting color or shade from the surface to which they are affixed so that they are easily readable.

C. No customer meter sockets will be placed on a pole owned and maintained by Tacoma Power. Meters shall be located on the first customer owned structure which will be the Service Point from Tacoma Power as further specified in the customer requirements found in the Tacoma Power Electric Service Handbook and Tacoma Power Transmission & Distribution Construction Standards.

D. The meter location shall not be concealed by materials, structures or vegetation of any kind and must be readily accessible. A level workspace, measuring no less than 3 feet by 3feet, must be maintained in front of the meter location at all times. Failure to meet these requirements may result in termination of service.

#### **12.06A.140 New electrical installations.**

All new or altered services, feeders, circuits, circuit extensions, and installations must meet requirements of this chapter.

#### **12.06A.145 Overhead service drops.**

Overhead service drop clearances are the Owner's responsibility. These clearances must be free of any vegetation obstructions as further specified in the Tacoma Power Electric Service Handbook.

#### **12.06A.150 Unlawful to alter existing wiring.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to alter in any way any electrical wiring, or to permit such electrical wiring to be altered, unless done in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

### **12.06A.155 Variance from Code requirements.**

A variance from the electrical installation requirements of this chapter may be granted by the Chief Electrical Inspector when it is assured that equivalent objectives can be achieved by establishing and maintaining effective safety. The variance request must be made in writing by the Permit Holder or designer, using a form provided by Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office. A variance which has been granted shall be for a specific site and time and will not be considered as a precedent for other installations. All variances must be granted in writing.

### **12.06A.160 Move-on housing.**

In addition to the requirements of WAC 296-46B-010, any structure which has been moved shall have its service upgraded to meet the requirements of this chapter and the NEC. Kitchen, bath, and laundry circuits shall comply with the NEC. AFCI protection, in compliance with the NEC, will be required, on all bedroom circuits.

### **12. 06A.170 Fusing and equipment protection.**

Fusing and equipment protection shall be in compliance with NEC Article 240.

### **12. 06A.180 Explanation of chapter requirements.**

A Tacoma Power electrical inspector may answer relevant questions concerning interpretation or application of adopted regulations and rules outlined in this Code. No electrical inspector shall lay out work or act in the capacity of an electrical installation consultant.

### **12. 06A.190 Right of entry.**

A Tacoma Power electrical inspector shall have the right to enter any and all Buildings and Premises which contain electrical wiring or apparatus, at any reasonable hour, for the purpose of inspecting or testing the installation of electrical wiring, electrical devices, and/or electric materials to determine Code compliance. Consent to such entry and inspection is a condition of continued electrical service.

### **12.06A.200 Non-liability of City for damages.**

This chapter shall not be construed to alter the responsibility or liability of any person owning, designing, operating, controlling, or installing any electrical wires, appliances, apparatus, construction, or equipment for damages to persons or property caused by a defect therein, nor shall the City, or any employee or agent thereof, be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection or other examination authorized herein or the notice of approval issued by the electrical inspector.

### **12.06A.210 Permits required.**

An Electrical Permit shall be applied for and purchased before electrical equipment may be installed, altered, or repaired. An Electrical Permit is required for the installation, alteration, or maintenance of all electrical systems or equipment, including, but not limited to, when removal of a Tacoma Power owned electric meter is necessary to perform any electrical work.

Exceptions:

A. Like-in-kind replacement of a contactor, relay, timer, starter, electronic circuit board, or similar control component, household appliance, circuit breaker, fuse, residential luminaire, lamp, snap switch, dimmer, receptacle outlet, thermostat, heating element, luminaire ballast with an exact same ballast, component(s) of electric signs, outline lighting, skeleton lighting or skeleton neon tubing where the electrical system is not modified, 10 horsepower or smaller motor;

B. Induction detection loops described in WAC 296-46B-300(2) and used to control gate access devices;

C. Heat cable repair; and

D. Embedding pre-manufactured heat mats in tile grout where the mat is listed by an approved testing laboratory and comes from the manufacturer with pre-connected lead-in conductors. All listing marks and lead-in conductor labels must be left intact and visible for evaluation and inspection by the installing electrician and the electrical inspector.

### **12.06A.220 Permits and inspections.**

A. An Electrical Permit application shall be filled in completely and accurately before it will be accepted by Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office. An application for an Electrical Permit signed by an electrical contractor or its representative shall serve as a certification by the electrical contractor, made under penalty of perjury, that said Contractor is the duly authorized agent of the Premises Owner where the electrical work is to be performed.

B. Electrical Permits shall expire one year after the date of issue or one year after the most recent inspection, whichever is later. The re-issuance of a Permit, if granted, may require additional fees.

C. The scheduling and timing of inspections shall be according to provisions set forth in the Tacoma Power Electric Service Handbook.

D. The Permit Holder is responsible for providing or arranging access to the work to be inspected.

E. The inspection site address shall be clearly visible from the street.

F. Electrical Code violations identified by the electrical inspector shall be posted at the work location. Violations shall be corrected within 15 days of notification unless a written request for extension is granted by the Chief Electrical Inspector.

G. Electrical Permits shall be required for each Building at which electrical work will be performed.

H. Electrical Permits are transferable, provided the original scope of work for the Permit has not changed and there has been no electrical work or inspection activity. The Permit transferee must present a statement and authorizing signature of approval from the Permit transferor. The transfer must take place at Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office within one year of the original Permit issuance.

I. Electrical Permits may be canceled by the Permit Holder. Upon such cancellation, Permit Holder shall be refunded the Electrical Permit fee prorated based on prior inspection activity, and less an administrative process fee. Tacoma Power may cancel an Electrical Permit if it determines the Permit Holder is not qualified to perform the Permitted work.

#### **12.06A.230 Permit to owner – conditions and affidavit.**

A. Electrical permits to perform electrical work on a new or existing Building owned by the Permit applicant and not intended for rent, sale, or lease may be issued to the applicant, provided that:

1. The applicant provides documentation that he or she is the Owner of the Building where electrical work is to be performed, such as a copy of a deed, along with evidence of identity;

2. The applicant signs an affidavit under penalty of perjury affirming the Building where the electrical work is to be performed is not for rent, sale or lease at the time of Permit application and that he or she does not intend to rent, sell or lease all or any part of the Building for at least twenty-four months after the final electrical inspection;

3. If the Building where the electrical work is to be performed is used as a residence by any person other than the applicant at the time of Permit application, or will be so used at any time during the twenty-four months following final electrical inspection, the applicant's affidavit must further affirm the applicant's residence at such Building and his or her intent to reside therein for at least two years after final inspection; and

4. The electrical work shall be done by the applicant and he or she, as well as any person(s) who gave assistance with the electrical installation, must be present during all inspections.

B. If it is apparent from the character of electrical work performed by or with the knowledge of the Owner, whether performed prior to or after Permit issuance, that the Owner and/or person assisting the Owner are not qualified to do the work under the Permit applied for or issued, an electrical inspector may require the work that is in violation of this chapter be changed, altered, or repaired by a licensed electrical contractor.

#### **12.06A.240 Filing of drawings and specifications.**

A. A completed plan review application shall be submitted with information required to complete the review process including, but not limited to, documentation specified in the Plan Review Application Instructions. Submitted plans shall be in accordance with WAC 296-46B-900 and must be stamped by a Professional Electrical Engineer registered with the State of Washington.

B. Electrical Permit applicants are required to submit electrical plans, load calculations, and specifications for work to be performed on:

1. Commercial and industrial services greater than 400 amps and downtown network services and feeders over 200 amps;

2. Residential services and feeders over 400 amps;

3. Commercial projects with a scope that covers more than 2,500 square feet;

4. All systems that have emergency generators (NEC Articles 517, 700, 701);

5. Systems operating over 600 volts; or

6. Schools, hospitals, institutions, and other projects as specified in the WAC.

C. Electrical plans must be submitted to Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office for review, giving sufficient time to complete the review prior to beginning electrical construction. A Tacoma Power approved set of drawings must be on the job



site for the electrical inspector’s use. No inspection will be performed unless the approved plans are on the job site or special written permission is granted by the Chief Electrical Inspector or his designee. Where inspections are performed by Tacoma Power prior to plan approval, electrical materials or equipment may be required to be re-installed to meet the requirements of this chapter once plan review is complete. Electrical service will not be provided unless approved plans are on site and the electrical service equipment installation is approved.

D. Plan review fees are included in the commercial Permit fees. When no Permit has been purchased and the project has been canceled, or excessive time is required to review plans submitted with incomplete information or extensive errors, a fee of \$80 per hour will be charged. Shipping and handling fees of \$25 will be charged on all plans requested to be mailed back to the submitter.

**12.06A.250 Permit fees.**

Current standard fees for connecting electrical services to the Tacoma Power system, as well as the Permit fees and any penalties previously assessed, must be paid before an Electrical Permit application will be processed. The Permit applicant is responsible to arrange for payment. Permit applications for which insufficient or no payment has been received will not be processed. Unpaid Permit applications will be discarded by Tacoma Power if payment has not been received within 10 business days of receipt of application. Unless otherwise noted, when multiple inspections are required, the Permit fee shall not be less than \$40 per 1/2 hour of inspection time. No inspection will be performed until the Permit application process is completed.

Current standard fees for Electrical Permits and inspections by Tacoma Power are as follows:

A. Residential.

1. Table A. Single-family dwelling and mobile home services, service changes, service upgrades, and solar photovoltaic (PV) system fees are set forth in Table A below, and include branch circuit wiring from the service(s) or feeder(s). All wiring by the same Permit Holder on single family dwellings of 400 amps/4000 sq. ft. or less is included under the fees from Table A unless otherwise noted below.

<u>TABLE A</u>			
<u>Service/PV System/Feeder Ampacity and Square Footage</u>	<u>Permit Fees</u>		
	<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
	<u>Overhead Service or PV installation - up to 2 trips</u>	<u>Underground to Pole and Underground Service or PV installations with underground wiring - up to 4 trips</u>	<u>Feeder Only up to 2 trips</u>
<u>1-200A and up to 2500 sq. ft.</u>	<u>\$80</u>	<u>\$160</u>	<u>\$60</u>
<u>Up to 400A or up to 4000 sq. ft.</u>	<u>\$120</u>	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$70</u>
<u>Over 400A or over 4000 sq. ft.</u>	<u>Use TABLE B</u>		

2. Branch circuit alterations and repairs. The fee for 1 to 4 new circuits, circuit extensions, or alterations where the service or feeder is not modified, increased, relocated, or replaced..... \$50

Use Table A if service or feeder work is included.

Each additional circuit..... \$5

Fee includes two inspections.

3. Service and PV system alterations and repairs. Minor alterations and repairs to an electrical service or PV system, including, but not limited to, the repair or replacement of the service mast, service entrance conductors, weather head, service attachment bracket, meter socket, main breaker, PV array, or production meter socket..... \$40

See Table A if service panel, PV AC disconnect, or utility disconnect is repaired or replaced in combination with any of the above listed items.

Fee includes one inspection.

4. Low voltage.

Single-family Dwellings—Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, and similar systems ..... \$40

Fee includes one inspection.

5. Temporary services 1-200 amps single phase ..... \$40

Fee includes one inspection.

Temporary services over 200 amps or three phase and systems with feeders ..... Table B

6. Residential swimming pool (In addition to any other fees listed). ..... \$120

Fee includes three inspections.

7. Generator transfer panel and equipment. .... \$60

Fee includes one inspection.

B. Commercial and industrial.

1. Table B. The Permit fee for all commercial and industrial work, multifamily dwelling installations, and single family dwellings exceeding 400 amps or 4000 square feet shall be derived from Table B. Proof of electrical work value must be submitted at the time of application. Proof may be established by presenting a signed contract or a priced itemization of the work to be performed. The electrical work value shall be the reasonably documented value of all labor, material, fittings, apparatus, and the like, whether actually paid for or not, supplied by the Permit Holder and/or installed by the Permit Holder as a part of, or in connection with, a complete electrical system, but which does not include the cost of utilizing equipment connected to the electrical system. If a signed contract or other substantial proof of value is not submitted at the time of Permit application, the value may be established by Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office using modern construction cost-estimating techniques. If the reported work value is determined by Tacoma Power’s electrical inspection office to be significantly less than what was reported at the time the Permit was purchased, the Permit fee amount will be increased to reflect the corrected actual value and a charge for the time to determine such value will be assessed to the Permit fee. A fee adjustment shall be made for all change orders and field changes that increase the value. All fees must be paid before final electrical inspection approval of the project.

<u>TABLE B</u>	
<u>Value of Electrical Construction</u>	<u>Permit Fees</u>
<u>\$0-\$1,000</u>	<u>\$100 for the first \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$1,001-\$5,000</u>	<u>\$100 for the first \$1,000 plus \$4 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$5,001-\$50,000</u>	<u>\$260 for the first \$5,000 plus \$2 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$50,001-\$100,000</u>	<u>\$1,160 for the first \$50,000 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$100,001-\$250,000</u>	<u>\$1,910 for the first \$100,000 plus \$9 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$250,001-\$500,000</u>	<u>\$3,260 for the first \$250,000 plus \$8 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$500,001-\$750,000</u>	<u>\$5,260 for the first \$500,000 plus \$7 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$750,001-\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$7,010 for the first \$750,000 plus \$6 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$1,000,001-\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$8,510 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$5.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$2,000,001-\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$14,010 for the first \$2,000,000 plus \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$3,000,001-\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$19,010 for the first \$3,000,000 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$4,000,001-\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$23,510 for the first \$4,000,000 plus \$4 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$5,000,001-\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$27,510 for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$3.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$50,000,001-\$100,000,000</u>	<u>\$185,010 for the first \$50,000,000 plus \$3 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>
<u>\$100,000,001 and up</u>	<u>\$335,010 for the first \$100,000,000 plus \$2.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.</u>

2. Lighting retrofit projects limited to the exchange of fixtures and/or ballasts.

Minimum fee per 5,000 sq. ft. of Building..... \$80  
Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of ..... \$8

3. Traffic signals.

Traffic signal and street lighting service only

(If street lighting is inspected by authorized cities or WSDOT) ..... \$80  
All others..... Table B

4. Signs.

Each sign or first field installed neon transformer ..... \$40  
Each additional sign or field installed neon transformer ..... \$15

Fee includes one inspection.

5. Carnival, circus, fair, trade shows, or similar events.

First ten of rides, generators, concessions, gaming shows, displays, or booths ..... \$100  
Each additional ..... \$5

C. Low voltage—Commercial/Industrial. Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, communication systems, emergency control systems, and similar systems are as follows:

Minimum fee per 10,000 sq. ft. of Building..... \$80  
Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of ..... \$8

D. Overtime: Overtime inspections including, but not limited to, call outs, weekend inspections, and after hours work must be scheduled with Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office a minimum of three business days in advance. In addition to the regular Permit fee, a fee for an overtime inspection is required as follows:

1. Unscheduled: Outside of an electrical inspector’s regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$480 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$160 for each hour thereafter. The fee must be paid the next business day.

2. Scheduled: Outside of an electrical inspector’s regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$320 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$160 for each hour thereafter. The fee of \$320 must be paid 48 hours in advance of the scheduled inspection, and any remaining fee must be paid the next business day.

3. Requested inspections that extend beyond the electrical inspector’s regular working hours shall be at the minimum rate of \$160 per hour, portal to portal.

E. Annual Permit. Pursuant to section 12.06A.350, annual Permits are available to commercial and industrial customers employing their own electrical maintenance staff. An annual Permit may be purchased in lieu of individual Permits for maintenance on each job performed. Annual Permits may be purchased by an electrical contractor to perform maintenance work at a commercial and industrial location if, at the time of application, a valid copy of the electrical contractor’s yearly maintenance contract with the customer is submitted to Tacoma Power and the term and nature of work under such contract is consistent, as determined in the sole discretion of Tacoma Power, with the term and purpose of the annual Permit. Applications for annual Permits submitted without proof of required employment status or a valid maintenance contract will not be accepted. Work performed under an annual Permit is limited to the installation of not more than two new feeders or circuits rated 100 amps or less, and the maintenance, repair, retrofit, or replacement of conductors and equipment. Annual Permits do not include the installation of new, exchanged, or upgraded service equipment, electrical work installed as part of new or added square footage, facility expansion, remodel, or where, except as noted above, load is increased. The annual Permit fee is calculated per Table C.

<u>TABLE C</u>	
<u>Number of one-hour Inspection units</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>\$960</u>
<u>13-24</u>	<u>\$1,920</u>
<u>25-36</u>	<u>\$2,880</u>
<u>37-52</u>	<u>\$4,160</u>

F. Miscellaneous fees.

1. Wrong meter address or location.

A Permit is required to correct or inspect incorrect meter addressing by the Owner or Owner’s agent.....\$40 per 1/2 hour

Overtime rates may apply.

2. Miscellaneous inspection (other)..... \$40 per 1/2 hour

3. Variance.

A processing fee for granting an electrical installation as outlined in Section 12.06A.155 of this chapter ..... \$140

4. Required inspection on services off for one year or more ..... \$40

Fee includes 1 inspection.

An additional Permit, fees, and inspections may be required if electrical deficiencies exist on the Premises.

**12.06A.260 Penalty fees and fee adjustments.**

The following-described penalties may be assessed, or the described fee adjustments may be determined appropriate, by order of the Chief Electrical Inspector:

A. Trip fee (per trip) when permit holder notifies Electrical Inspections Office that work is ready for inspection when it is not..... \$40

B. The Permit Holder gives an incorrect inspection site address..... \$40

C. Inspections required as a result of carelessness, neglect, faulty workmanship, or materials..... \$40

D. Failing to complete corrections within 15 days as required by this chapter..... \$40

E. Removal of Stop Work Order..... \$40

F. Tampering with Stop Work Order penalty fee ..... \$40

G. Occupying a Building, living unit, or business space without final electrical approval ..... \$275

H. Work performed without a Permit ..... 4X regular Permit fee

This provision does not pertain to emergency work where a permit is purchased the next business day.

I. Failure to provide or arrange access for requested inspection..... \$40

J. Late charge for nonpayment of penalty fees ..... \$25

K. Permit cancellation administrative process fee ..... \$40

**12.06A.270 Penalty and adjustment fee appeals.**

Penalty and Permit adjustment fees are due at the time of assessment unless the assessed party makes an appeal to the Chief Electrical Inspector within 15 business days pursuant to Section 12.06A.360. If payment or appeal is not made within the 15 days, an additional \$25 late fee will be assessed and inspection activity will be stopped until the fee and late charges are paid.

**12.06A.300 Protection of electrical workers.**

All clearances per the State of Washington rules contained in WAC 296-155-428 must be maintained while working around overhead electrical lines.

### **12.06A.350 License requirements.**

A. Subject to subsections B and C, and except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.28.091 or in section 12.06A.230, no person or entity shall in any manner undertake to perform any electrical work involving the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment for which a Permit is required by this chapter unless such person or entity has an unrevoked, unsuspended, and unexpired electrical contractors license issued by the State of Washington.

B. Employers with employee(s) that perform electrical work are exempt from the license requirements of this section, provided that:

1. The work performed is on the employer's Premises or other property; and

2. The work is not on the construction or remodel of a Building or other property intended for rent, sale, or lease.

C. Employees performing electrical work on the Premises or other property of their employer are exempt from the license requirements of this section, provided that:

1. The work is not on the construction or remodel of a Building or property intended for rent, sale, or lease; and

2. The employee performing the work is a regular, full time employee of the Owner of such Building or property.

D. A licensed electrical contractor will be required to perform any electrical work for, or on behalf of, any person or entity that does not satisfy the licensing requirements of this section. If it is apparent from the character of the work performed that the person or entity performing work under any exemption in this section is not qualified to do the work under the Permit issued, or that the work is otherwise in violation of this chapter, an electrical inspector may require the work to be changed, altered, or repaired by a licensed electrical contractor.

### **12.06A.360 Appeal process.**

A. Any decision of an electrical inspector regarding the requirements of, or fees and penalties imposed under this chapter, may be appealed in writing to the Chief Electrical Inspector. The appeal must be made within 15 business days of the initial decision. The Chief Electrical Inspector shall respond in writing within ten business days.

B. Any decision of the Chief Electrical Inspector may be appealed to the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee. The appeal must be made in writing and within ten business days of the Chief Electrical Inspector's decision. The Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee shall make a decision on the appeal request within a reasonable time, which decision shall be in writing. Except for criminal and civil penalties imposed pursuant to section 12.06A.400 of this chapter, the written decision of the Light Division Superintendent or his/her designee is final and conclusive unless appropriate legal action is filed with the Pierce County Superior Court within 30 days of the issuance of said decision.

### **12.06A.370 Additional rules may be made by Director.**

The Director of Utilities may make such rules and regulations governing the operation of this chapter as are not inconsistent with its provisions. The Director may grant reasonable minor adjustments in cases where the terms of this chapter place an injustice upon a customer if after written evidence has been presented to the Director it is shown that irregular circumstances of the customer's load, service and/or other conditions warrant such adjustment.

### **12.06A.380 Classification of occupancies and wiring methods.**

A. 200 ampere service capacity shall be required for all new single-family and duplex residential units of 500 square feet or more. An entire service upgrade shall not be required when only replacing a meter base, or mast, or panel, unless the load requirement is greater than the rating of the existing service and/or specific electrical safety concerns associated with said equipment are detected.

B. Service entrance conductors for commercial occupancies shall have an ampacity not less than the rating of the service equipment they supply. For multiple-dwelling occupancies, the minimum service conductor ampacity shall not be less than the calculated service load.

C. Commissioning of all new Emergency Legally Required Standby, and/or Health Care systems fed by a 150 kw or larger generator shall be in compliance with NEC Sections 700, 701 and 517, respectively. A copy of the commissioning report shall be presented to the electrical inspector prior to the final electrical inspection

D. Customer-owned systems that are metered at 12.5 kV or higher, known as primary metered systems, shall be installed as outlined in NEC 215.2(B)(3) and Tacoma Power's Transmission & Distribution Construction Standards. Such systems must be designed and certified by a Washington State Registered Electrical Engineer and reviewed by Tacoma Power's Electrical Inspection Office. These systems must be tested per manufacturers' published instructions and certified as free of short circuits and ground faults prior to approval for energizing.

E. Each newly constructed or remodeled dwelling unit, as defined in NEC 100, shall be independently metered by Tacoma Power.

F. Use of Type SE cable is limited to feeders and branch circuits.

**12.06A.400 Violations – Notification – Penalties.**

A. Any person, firm, or corporation that violates, disobeys, neglects, or refuses to comply with or resists or opposes the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, or who persists in Occupying any building or structure, and/or maintaining operation of any equipment or appliances, in which the electrical wiring has been declared to be in violation of this chapter, after having been notified of such violation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, together with the cost of prosecution, or by imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation, disobedience, neglect, or refusal continues after notification of violation shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be subject to the penalty of this section. Such person, firm, or corporation shall be deemed to have been duly notified by posting of notification on the premises, equipment, or appliances by the electrical inspector or by the sealing out of the service, of circuits, of equipment, and/or of appliances by the electrical inspector, or by notification in writing by the electrical inspector, mailed to the Owner and/or occupant at the Premises involved.

B. At the option of the City, in lieu of proceeding with criminal sanctions, violations of this chapter may result in a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation. A civil penalty may be imposed by written notice issued by the Chief Electrical Inspector or his or her designated assistant. The civil penalty shall be paid prior to final approval of the premises involved. Appeals of the civil penalty may be made by a party or firm adversely affected by filing a notice of appeal with the City Hearing Examiner within ten days of receipt of the notice of civil penalty. The decision of the Hearing Examiner is final and conclusive, and is only subject to review by the Pierce County Superior Court by filing appropriate legal action within 30 days of the issuance of the Hearing Examiner's final decision. If such fine or civil penalty remains unpaid more than 60 days after said amount has been imposed and all appeals thereof have been exhausted, or the time has expired for an appeal, then said amount may be transferred to the electric utility bill account for said person or firm, and the remedies for collection for electric utility shall apply.

# “EXHIBIT B”

## Chapter 2.01 MINIMUM BUILDING AND STRUCTURES CODE

### Sections:

- 2.01.010 Purpose.
- 2.01.020 Scope.
- 2.01.030 Additions, Alterations, and Change of Use.
- 2.01.040 Definitions.
- 2.01.050 Administration and Process.
- 2.01.060 Minimum Building Requirements and Repair Standards.
- 2.01.070 Unoccupied, Vacant, or Partially Secured Building Standards.

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### **2.01.060 Minimum Building Requirements and Repair Standards.**

No owner shall maintain, or permit to be maintained, any property which does not comply with the requirements of this chapter. All property shall be maintained to the Building Code requirements in effect at the time of construction. Alterations or repairs shall meet the minimum standards and repair standards set forth in this section. It is recognized that, in order to maintain the properties as required by this chapter, repairs will need to be made. Repairs, renovations, alterations, and additions in general will be required to meet the applicable codes in effect at the time they are undertaken, with the minimum acceptable standard of repair being made to bring the building or element of a building up to at least the minimum standards as listed in this section. The following provisions provide guidelines for these repairs, but when renovations, alterations, and additions are undertaken, they may require meeting a higher standard of repair than just meeting the minimum requirements set forth in this section.

Requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing fixture, structure or equipment, or for public health, safety or general welfare, not specifically covered by Chapter 2.01, shall be determined by the Building Official, as authorized in the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Where there is a change of use or where there is a substantial renovation as defined by the Building Code, all work shall be in accordance with the Building Code, including the IEBC as adopted and amended in Chapter 2.02 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

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### O. Exit Path Lighting.

General. Except within individual dwelling units, guest rooms, and sleeping rooms, exits shall be illuminated at any time the building is occupied, with light having intensity in accordance with the Building Code.

Sources of Power. The power supply for exit illumination shall normally be provided by the premises' wiring system. Emergency backup power or power on separate circuits shall be in accordance with the Building Code in effect at the time the lighting was installed.

Exit path shall be illuminated at all times the building or structure is occupied. Exit path lighting shall provide a minimum illumination at floor level in accordance with the Building Code. Where exit path lighting in existing buildings is missing or is required to be upgraded, it shall meet the following requirements:

Separate Sources of Power. The power supply for exit illumination shall normally be provided by the premises' wiring system. In the event of its failure, illumination shall be automatically provided from an emergency system for Group I, Divisions 1.1 and 1.2 Occupancies, and for all other occupancies where the exiting system serves an occupant load of 100 or more.

Emergency systems shall be supplied from storage batteries or an on-site generator set and the system shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Electrical Code, as codified in Chapter [12.046A](#) of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

EXCEPTION: In auditoriums, theaters, concert or opera halls, and similar assembly uses, the illumination at floor level may be reduced during performances to lower levels allowed in the Building Code.

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# “EXHIBIT C”

## Chapter 2.02 BUILDING CODE

Sections:

- 2.02.010 Adoption of International Building Code, International Residential Code, and International Existing Building Code.
- 2.02.020 Purpose.
- 2.02.030 International Plumbing Code.
- 2.02.040 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.050 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.060 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.070 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.080 Amendment to IBC Section 105.1 – Permits by addition of a new Section 105.1.3 – Business Licensing.
- 2.02.090 Amendment to IBC Section 105.2 – Work exempt from permit.
- 2.02.100 Amendment to IBC Section 202 – Definitions – D, L, S, T, and W.
- 2.02.110 Amendment to IBC Section 111.2 – Certificate issued.
- 2.02.120 Amendment to IBC Section 113 – Board of Appeals.
- 2.02.130 Amendment to IBC Section 114 – Violations.
- 2.02.135 Amendment to IBC Section 419 – Live/Work units.
- 2.02.140 Amendment to IBC Section 504.4 by addition of a new Section 504.4.1.1 – Type B occupancies within R-1 and R-2 occupancies.
- 2.02.150 Amendment to IBC Section 510.2 – Horizontal building separation allowance by addition of a new Section 510.2(7).
- 2.02.160 Amendment to IBC Section 1503.4 – Roof Drainage.
- 2.02.170 Amendment to IBC Section 1511 Re-roofing – by addition of a new Section 1511.7 – Energy Code Requirements for Re-roofing.
- 2.02.180 Amendment to IBC Section 1608 – Snow loads.
- 2.02.185 Amendment to IBC Section 1612.3 – Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas.
- 2.02.190 Amendment to IBC Section 1613 by addition of a new subsection 1613.7 – Tension-only bracing.
- 2.02.200 Amendment to IBC Section 2405 by addition of a new subsection 2405.6 – Location of sloped glazing and skylights.
- 2.02.205 Amendment to IBC Section 3108 – Telecommunication and Broadcast Towers by addition of a new Section 3108.1.1 – Amplification Factor for Structures Bracketed to Supporting Structure.
- 2.02.210 Amendment to IBC Section 3202.3 – Encroachments eight feet or more above grade.
- 2.02.220-  
2.02.380 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.390 Amendment to IBC Appendix Section G102.2 – Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas.
- 2.02.400 Amendment to IBC Appendix Section G103 – Powers and Duties by the addition of a new Section G103.10 – Additional Conditions for Consideration.
- 2.02.410 Amendment to IBC Appendix Section G105 – Variances by Addition of a new Section G105.7.1 – Additional Criteria for Issuance.
- 2.02.500 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.510 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.520 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.530 *Repealed.*
- 2.02.540 Amendment to IRC Section R105.2 – Work Exempt From Permit, Building and Electrical Sections.

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### **2.02.090 Amendment to IBC Section 105.2 – Work exempt from permit.**

105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11 m2).



2. Fences not over 7 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls which are not over four feet (1219 mm) in height, measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids. A Fence supported by a retaining wall shall be considered a surcharge.
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and on grade concrete patios with an aggregate area not exceeding 2,000 Sq. Ft. (185.81 sq-M), provided they are not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in Section 101.2, which are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L), and are installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
13. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

Electrical: See TMC Chapter [12.046A](#).

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**2.02.540 Amendment to IRC Section R105.2 – Work Exempt From Permit, Building and Electrical Sections.**

The following additional exception shall be added to R105.2 – Building:

Building:

11. Reroofing of single family or duplex residential buildings, provided the existing roof coverings are removed prior to reroofing and the following conditions are met:
  - a. The new roofing material does not exceed five (5) pounds per square foot, or
  - b. For a vegetated roof, where it is the same weight as the previous roof and a vegetated roof was previously approved through a building permit.

The following amendment shall be made to R105.2 – Electrical:

Electrical: See TMC Chapter [12.046A](#).

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## **“EXHIBIT D”**

### **Chapter 2.05**

#### **SIGN CODE**

Sections:

- 2.05.010 Signs, General.
- 2.05.275 Political Signs.

#### **2.05.010 Signs, General.**

Regulation of the location, size, appearance and number of signs shall be regulated by title 13, except as modified in TMC Chapters 1.42 and 13.07 which provide regulations for Landmarks Special Review Districts. The illumination and electrical aspects shall be regulated by the Electrical Code as adopted by TMC Chapter [12.046A](#). The energy regulations and illumination controls shall be in accordance with the Washington State Energy Code as adopted and amended by the City of Tacoma in TMC Chapter 2.10. The structural design and support of signs shall be in accordance with the Building Code as adopted and amended by the City of Tacoma in TMC Chapter 2.02.

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