



Electrical Permit Issuance Change

Tacoma Public Utilities

City Council Meeting

June 9, 2026

Ordinance No. 29109

OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

Overview

Tacoma Power requests approval by City Council for proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Title 12 (Utilities)

Expand eligibility for who may obtain Electrical Permits:

Power Section 12.06A 230

Background

- Currently only licensed electrical contractors or owner/occupiers may obtain an electrical permit
- **Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit that builds low-income housing**, has requested alignment with the State of Washington to allow nonprofits to obtain an electrical permit when certain conditions are met
- Recommended changes to the Electrical Code will **better align Tacoma Power with the State of Washington**



Habitat for Humanity development in South Tacoma, built 2024-2025

Electrical Permit Eligibility

Update to Include Electrical Permit Eligibility for Nonprofit Organizations

- Work must be performed by a certified electrician or properly supervised certified trainee for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Electricians/trainees cannot be paid for the electrical work
- The value of the electrical work < \$30,000
- Nonprofit must maintain ownership of the land where the building sits

RECOMMENDATION

Tacoma Power requests that the City Council approve the proposed amendment to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.06A, effective July 1, 2026.