



**ORDINANCE NO. 28170**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Electrical Code; amending Chapter 2.04 of the  
2 Tacoma Municipal Code by amending Section 2.04.350 thereof, relating  
3 to electrical licensing requirements.

4 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division  
5 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power") desires to amend Section 2.04.350 of the Tacoma  
6 Municipal Code to update the electrical licensing requirements and exemptions  
7 applicable to electrical work performed within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction, and

8 WHEREAS the proposed amendments will clarify the types of persons and  
9 entities performing electrical work that are exempt from Tacoma Power's electrical  
10 contractor's license requirement, and will provide accurate information for  
11 customers regarding the requirements for obtaining an electrical permit and  
12 performing electrical work within Tacoma Power's jurisdiction; Now, Therefore,

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

14 That Chapter 2.04 of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended by  
15 amending Section 2.04.350 thereof, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."  
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20 Mayor

21 Attest:

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23 City Clerk

24 Approved as to form:

25 *Ward Brown*  
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Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board  
Resolution No. U-10647



## EXHIBIT "A"

### 2.04.350 License requirements.

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A. ~~Subject to Except as provided in~~ subsections B, C, D, and C, and ~~except as otherwise~~ provided in RCW 19.28.091 or in ~~E of this section~~ 2.04.230, 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~~ Persons having a current State of Washington journeyman or electrical specialty certificate for the classification of work being performed on his or her employer's business premises 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 electrical work is not for on the construction of or remodel of a building or other property space intended for rent, sale, or lease, or sale; and

~~2C. The e~~ Employees performing the electrical work on is a regular, full time employee of the premises or other property of their employer are owner.

C. ~~An employee of a governmental entity performing maintenance of pump stations, flood control stations, and wastewater treatment plants under the ownership of that entity may receive an exemption from electrician's certificate. Request for exemption must be made in writing to the Chief Electrical Inspector and must contain proof that the individual meets the definition of a "Qualified Person" per NEC Article 100.~~

D. ~~A utility or any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity employed by a utility that is license exempt per RCW 19.28.091 shall be 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

E. ~~A single family residence owner in compliance with section 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 2.04.230 of this chapter shall be exempt from the license 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 inspector may require the work to be changed, altered, or repaired by a licensed electrical contractor.