



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

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RECOMMENDATION

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

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