

**Department of Community and Economic Development  
Development Services Division  
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION**

**CODE SECTIONS:** Renton Municipal Code Chapter 4-5-060

**SUBJECT:** Plan review requirement for electrical permits of 400 amperes (amps) or less

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the recently adopted Building Administrative Code, the threshold for plan review of certain electrical permit applications was reduced from 400 amps to 100 amps. The reason for this change was to be consistent with regulations in other MyBuildingPermit.com cities. The state requirement from Labor and Industry requirements places the threshold for plan review at 400 amps or greater (WAC 296-46B-215). It has been determined that significant additional staff time will be required to process the plan routings for these additional permits. Since we have operated in the past with handling this type of electrical permit subject to field inspection without prior plan review, the electrical inspection group agrees that plan review for this range of permits is not essential.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Building Administrative Code Section provides the following exemption to required plan reviews: *Exception: The building official is authorized to waive the requirement for submission of construction documents and other data if it is found that the nature of the work applied for is such that review of construction documents is not necessary to obtain compliance with the Construction Codes.*

**DECISION:** Plan review will be required for installations in occupancies, except one (1) - and two (2) - family dwellings, where a service or feeder rated greater than four hundred (400) amps is installed or altered or if more than four hundred (400) amps is added to the service or feeder.

**DIRECTOR APPROVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Watts

**DATE:** July 1, 2014

**APPEAL PROCESS:** To appeal this determination, a written appeal -- accompanied by the required filing fee -- must be filed with the City's City Clerk no later than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.