

Fairfax County, Government

Summary of Electrical Fixture Permit and Inspections Process

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Background: Provided below is a summary of the process required to obtain an electrical permit for a fixture for both new and existing conditions as well as residential and non-residential construction.

Residential:

1. **New or existing construction/permit:** electrical permit(s) can be obtained online (see handout material for an online example) at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fido or in person at the permit application center on the second floor of the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway, 2nd Floor, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

FAQs

- a. Residential construction is defined as: Town home, duplex (two homes adjoined by a common firewall) or single family detached.
- b. Electrical plan submission is not required for residential construction
- c. Do I need a permit for...? <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs.htm>
- d. Electric Vehicles http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/ev_equipment.htm

Commercial:

2. **New or existing construction/permit:** electrical permit(s) can be obtained in person at the permit application center on the second floor of the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway, 2nd Floor, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. An online application process is under development and expected to go live in November 2011.

FAQs

- a. Non-residential construction is defined as: Multi-family (high/low rise) or commercial office/retail.
- b. Electrical plan submission per tenant layout details is required for all new equipment and outlet installations – unless you are getting a separate service and new meter. Then an electrical permit without plans is needed.
- c. Parking tabulation check by zoning; no ADA unless there is a building permit.

Inspection:

3. Residential electrical inspection can be ordered online or called in. Inspection notification is wireless. Typical turn-around is 24 hours. State requirement is 3 days. Commercial electrical inspection is currently call-in scheduling only. Commercial Online inspection application is expected to go live in November 2011.