



# **Electrical Low Voltage - Commercial Permit Guidelines**

#### **Permit Description**

A permit is required for the installation of low-voltage systems in **commercial buildings**, including:

- Telephones, Data, Fiber
- Audio & Access Control Systems
- Nurse Calls
- Pool Alarms
- Landscape Lighting, Gate Controls

- HVAC & Remote Controls
- Energy Management
- Interior Lighting Control Systems
- Central Vacuum Systems
- Surveillance/ Security camera

OR any other projects covered by Florida Administrative Code 61G6-7.001(4)

#### Applicable Codes but not limited to

- Florida Building Code 8th Ed. (2023)
- National Electric Code (NEC) NFPA 70 (2020)
- Florida Fire Prevention Code 8th Ed. (2023)
- Florida Administrative Code 61G6-7.001(4)

## Who Can Apply?

#### **Contractors (Must Apply Online):**

- Certified Electrical Specialty Contractor (ES)
- Certified Electrical Contractor (EC)
- Registered Electrical Contractor (ER)
- Limited Energy Specialty Contractor
- Certified Alarm System Contractor I (EF)
- Certified Alarm Contractor II (EG)

#### Owner/Builder (Must meet all conditions):

- Project cost under \$75,000 (F.S. 489.503(C))
- Intended for personal use and occupancy
- Must verify ID in person at City Hall
- Notarized Owner/Builder affidavit
- Condo unit owners are not eligible
- Corporations are unable to qualify for the owner/builder exemption

#### **Documents Required**

Floor Plan (all devices/equipment shown)



- Site Plan clearly identifying the locations of all exterior equipment and devices, as applicable.
  - The plan should include the site address, scale, north arrow, all structures located on property, setbacks, equipment pads, etc.
  - o The site plan must be clear, legible, and accurately detailed.
- Manufacturer's Specifications
- EVAC manufacturer specifications and EVAC signage for electronic gate access
- Burrowing Owl/Gopher Tortoise Affidavit and/or Eagle Affidavit
- Notice of Commencement (NOC) if valuation ≥ \$5,000
  - Must be certified & recorded with Lee County. Upon recording, submit NOC Affidavit too
  - Can be submitted after the application but must be received before the first inspection.
- Use of Private Provider documents (if applicable)
- Parcels located in Flood Hazard Areas must undergo an SD/SI determination during the Plan Review, with the following required documents:
  - FEMA Packet or Elevation Certificate (BFE +1)
  - Actual Cash Value Appraisal (may be required also)

#### **Inspections Required**

#### Inspection When to Schedule

Notice of Commencement Before 1st inspection (if valuation ≥ \$5,000)

Electric Rough After wiring/box installation, before concealment

Electric Final After power connection and electrical work completion

Fire Rough (As Applicable) After wiring/box installation

Fire Final (As Applicable) Electrical work complete

Additional Inspections May be required based on scope/project specifics



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### **Fees**

Fee Type Amount

Electrical Misc. (w/ plans) \$165.00

Fire (if applicable) \$7.85 per \$1,000 project value

Surcharges Yes

## **Permit Expiration**

Permit Type Valid For

Standard 6 Months

Private Provider 6 Months

## Internal Review (Office Use Only)

- Zoning
- Electrical
- Fire
- Floodplain (if applicable)
- Species Review (owl, eagle, gopher tortoise, etc.) (if applicable)