

“Electrical Permit Requirements Nelson County Codes Enforcement”

State and local law requires a permit be obtained prior to the installation of electrical wiring, equipment or devices, as well as required inspections be performed to ensure compliance with the Electrical Code.

The Kentucky Building and Residential Codes section 105 states “ Any owner authorized agent who intends to install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required electrical permit”.

Examples of work requiring an electrical permit and inspection:

- Adding or extending a new circuit and/or wiring for appliances such as air conditioners or hot tubs.
- Installing and/or adding receptacles or light fixtures where ones did not exist before.
- Installing and/or adding a new electrical panel.
- Restoring electrical service after it has been interrupted due to a hazardous condition.
- Wiring any new structure such as a house, garage or shed or other accessory structure.

The code exempts minor repair work from permits. The following list of examples of work that would not require a permit. However, the installation still needs to be installed in accordance with NFPA 70, (National Electrical Code) as adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Nelson County.

- Replacing a receptacle where one already exists.
- Replacing a faulty circuit breaker with the same size and type.
- Replacing or changing a light fixture.
- Installing phones or coax cable (cable TV).

Who can obtain an Electrical Permit?

In accordance with State Law only a Kentucky licensed Electrical Contractor or Home Owner can obtain electrical permits. However, a home owner can only obtain a permit if they meet the following requirements:

- Electrical work must be for primary residence only.
- Must provide a photo ID such as drivers license reflecting the address of the permit.
- Bring proof that you own the property, ie; deed, tax bill or bill of sale.
- Must perform the work themselves.**
- Cannot be rental or commercial property.
- Must complete and sign electrical permit as home owner.

If you decide to hire a contractor verify they are a KY licensed electrical contractor. All licensed contractors must carry their state issued ID with them. Also make sure they obtain the required permits. You can verify issued permits by calling our office at (502)348-1862. If you are not sure your installation would require a permit please give us a call and ask to speak with the Electrical Inspector. We are here to help insure you have the safest installation possible for you and your family needs.

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