

RULE NO. 24

ELECTRIC DIVISION CHARGES

The following charges and bonds are to be assessed, as appropriate, from builders, developers, and Customers requiring the Utility's services or relocations. The charges set forth in this Rule are based on costs for labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Utility.

A. SUBDIVISIONS - RESIDENTIAL

1. Chapter 17.08.450 of the Municipal Code requires developers to post a Subdivision and Tract Improvement Bond for Public Improvements. The estimated cost for electrical underground utilities: \$4,500 per acre.
2. Rule No. 15, Line Extensions, or successor Rule of the Electric Rates, Rules and Regulations provides that the developer, subdivider or other Customers requesting extensions within new residential subdivisions shall pay, before start of construction, a non-refundable sum as determined by the Utility based upon:
 - a. All costs for labor, equipment, and materials for the installation of said underground system, and the preparation of plans, specifications and inspections for said system.
 - b. The per Premises charge will be established by the Electrical Engineering Division on a work order basis for the cost of labor and expenses incurred by the Utility in making such installation.
3. In addition to the above costs, the developer shall install supporting structures as determined by the Utility, including necessary trenching, conduits, vaults, and related work in accordance with Rule No. 15 or successor Rule.
4. If construction of the subdivision underground utility facilities has not begun within 12 months of the date of the payment, the per Premises charge shall be recalculated based upon current costs of labor and materials, and paid by the developer before construction proceeds.
5. These compatible unit costs used in work orders shall be reviewed and updated periodically to reflect current expenses incurred by the Utility for installation of this type of underground facility.
6. Costs for installation of an Underground Line Extension (backbone) in developer provided conduit and substructure systems shall be determined by the Electrical Engineering Division, based upon plans prepared or approved by the Utility, and billed according to Rule No. 15.

B. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CHARGES

Applicants requesting new or upgraded residential service shall pay, prior to the Meter set, for each installation and will be charged on a work order basis for the cost of labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Utility in making such installation.

C. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICE CHARGES

Applicants requesting commercial/industrial service shall pay, prior to the Meter set, for each installation and will be charged on a work order basis for the cost of labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Utility in making such installation.

D. ENGINEERING CHARGES FOR REDESIGN

If a contractor/builder/developer requests the Utility to revise, redesign, or change the Electrical Utility system design for a project after final approval, and such request requires additional engineering and/or a reassignment of priorities to accommodate the contractor's/builder's/developer's construction schedule, the Customer shall pay for the cost of labor and other costs incurred by the Utility.

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E. TEMPORARY POWER AND SERVICE CHARGES

Applicants requesting temporary electrical service shall pay, prior to the temporary Meter set, for each installation and will be charged on a work order basis for the cost of labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Utility in making such installation.

F. STREET LIGHTS

1. Chapter 18.04.060.040 of the Municipal Code requires the installation of street lighting facilities or payment of street lighting per front foot charge. The aforementioned Chapter requires all new developments to install the street lighting facilities required in accordance with the official street lighting standards on file in the Public Utilities Department.
2. A performance bond shall be required, in an amount established by the Utility and in a form approved by the City Attorney, to cover the installed cost of the facilities required. In lieu of the installation of street lighting facilities, the Utility may require street lighting fees on a front foot charge basis for any abutting street or highway in an amount to recover the estimated cost for the street lighting facilities required in accordance with the official street lighting plan approved by the Utility. Developers/builders/contractors are required to post a performance bond with the City to assure installation of public improvements. The bond required for the street lighting facilities is a part of the Public Improvements Bond deposited with the Real Property Section of the Engineering division, Public Works Department.
3. Private Streets - Street lighting on private streets shall be in accordance with the Utility's standards and specifications, which have been developed based on Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) street lighting recommendations. The luminaire and pole shall be furnished and installed by the developer. Street lighting on private streets shall be metered in accordance with the Electric Rates, Rules and Regulations and service requirements. If a private street is approved for dedication to the City as a public street, the street lights shall be installed per the Utility's standards and specifications by the owner and the circuit re-wired for Utility service prior to acceptance of dedication by the City.

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G. COSTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGN, ENGINEERING, TESTING, OR MATERIALS

The Electric Utility shall charge for costs incurred to provide design, engineering, testing, or materials at the request of the Customer. Reimbursement shall include, but is not limited to Utility labor, contracted labor, materials, and equipment rental and usage established by the Electrical Engineering Division on a work order basis for the cost of labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Utility and shall be payable prior to rendering the requested services. At its option, the Utility may consider the supplemental service as a request for Added Facilities by the Customer.

H. PLAN CHECK CHARGES

The Electrical Engineering Division provides plan checking as required to evaluate the Electrical System for conflicts with any proposed new construction or modification of any existing structure or facility. The Electrical Engineering Division shall charge for plan checks that require staff time or labor in excess of four (4) hours to complete.

I. EASEMENT PROCESSING CHARGES

In the event that rights to any privately constructed facility are to be assigned to the City, the assignment of rights under written agreement shall require prior City Council approval and shall be subject to the cost of processing the assignment. The cost and preparation of easement drawings and deeds are the responsibility of the Customer and shall follow all applicable state, county, and local requirements.

J. STREET LIGHT POLE BANNER INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL CHARGES

Chapter 4.04.405 of the Municipal Code allows for the installation and removal of temporary banners on street light poles owned, controlled, and maintained by the Electric Utility in the public right of way for permitted events. In addition to any permit fee administered by the Planning Department, the Person requesting the banner installation shall pay the costs of labor, equipment, and materials incurred by the Electric Utility for the installation and removal of each banner, the costs of which are established by the Electric Utility on a cost-recovery basis.

The Electric Utility will establish technical requirements for the banners, and will review each request to determine the acceptable number, size, and location to ensure the installations minimize visual clutter and potential traffic hazards in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare and street views.

K. MISSED APPOINTMENTS

In the event that the Utility is unable to keep a specified appointment with a Customer due to emergencies, unplanned outages, or other situations that may arise requiring that construction or engineering services are delayed, the Utility will reschedule the appointment and will not charge additional costs, such as overtime labor, in order to complete the work and may, where applicable, provide a courtesy credit as set forth in Rule No. 23 based upon the specific circumstances.