



## GUILFORD COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## Temporary Electrical Power Bulletin

Guilford County's Inspection Division recognizes the need to have temporary electrical service at both residential and commercial construction sites but for only the following uses:

- 1) To facilitate construction.
- 2) To test and check out systems and equipment.
- 3) Where the distance from the construction site to the temporary saw service exceeds 200 feet.
- 4) Under special circumstances.

NOTE: Information stated in the manufacturer's instructions warns that gas-oil-heat pump and electric furnaces are not to be used for temporary heating during construction of a house. (As per *Bulletin - Contractors Temporary Heating*).

***Temporary shall be acceptable only after filling out a form to request temporary electrical service connection, and is approved based on the condition of the temporary installation.***

A request for temporary construction service by a contractor will be directed to the permit section.

After filling out the application for temporary power form, and upon approval, **an additional inspection fee** will be charged.

After the electrical work has been approved, the inspector will authorize the release of power, Temporary construction use only, for a defined and limited period of time (i.e., 15 days, 30 days etc.). The power company will be notified and the power will be released on temporary in the applicant's name. Concurrently, the technician will schedule a follow-up final inspection for the expiration date of the temporary release.

This release of power, since it is for construction purposes, is not dependent on other final trade inspections. The release of power for the above listed construction uses is not in any way to be considered as an approval for occupancy. Prior to occupancy, the following inspections are to be completed and approved:

- 1) Building Final
- 2) Plumbing Final
- 3) Mechanical Final
- 4) Electrical Final
- 5) Fire Marshal Final
- 6) Health Department Final when the structure is served by either or both a well and septic system.
- 7) Site Plan Final when the approved site plan indicates that improvements are required.

Only after all of the above have received an approval will a "Certificate of Occupancy" be issued. With a certificate in hand, the structure can be safely occupied. The privilege of "Temporary Construction Service" will be withdrawn if abused.

As a service to the commercial client, for very large and complicated projects, we can conduct a "Pre-C.O." meeting at the site to answer questions about code and ordinance requirements that must be approved in order for any Certificate of Occupancy to be issued.

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