

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. 4832

As amended by By-laws Nos. 6568, 03/02/81; 7028, 01/18/82; 7590, 06/27/83; 9961, 03/13/89; 10367, 1/22/90; 10868, 03/25/91; 12268, 04/25/94; 12385, 07/25/94; 12829, 05/13/96; 13221, 09/22/97; 13595, 12/14/98; 14189, 12/04/00; 14576, 12/03/01; 14929, 03/24/03

Electrical Inspection Safety By-law

A by-law to provide for the appointment of Electrical Inspectors and the imposition of fees and permits and inspections.

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WHEREAS, the "Electrical Safety Act," RSBC, 1979, Chapter 104, makes provision for a local government to establish a by-law for the purpose of regulating electrical work and the use of electrical equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Surrey, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In the construction and for the purpose of this by-law, the following words and terms shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless repugnant to the context hereof:
  - (a) "City" means the City of Surrey.
  - (b) "Council" or "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Surrey.
  - (c) "General Manager, Planning and Development" means the General Manager, Planning and Development, or his designate of the City of Surrey.
2. The Council may from time to time appoint a City Chief Electrical Inspector and one or more City Electrical Inspectors for the purpose of enforcing the "Electrical Safety Act" and the regulations made thereunder and for the time being in force, all of whom shall work under the supervision and control of the General Manager, Planning and Development, or his designate.
3. The persons presently holding the positions of City Chief Electrical Inspector and City Electrical Inspectors shall be deemed to have been appointed pursuant to this By-law.
4. Nothing in the By-law relieves an owner or Electrical Contractor from his duty to observe and obey all relevant statutes, regulations and By-laws, and no inspection carried out by or on behalf of the City shall be deemed to constitute a representative by the City or any of its officers or employees or servants that the premises inspected are safe and sound.
5. No person shall commence, work on, or complete any electrical work for which an inspection may be required under the provisions of the "Electrical Safety Act" or the regulations made thereunder, unless he shall first have

made an application for an electrical permit and have paid the permit fee in accordance with Schedule "A" attached to this By-law.

6. Where the requirements for permits contained in Part 4 of "The Electrical Safety Regulation B.C. Reg. 487/95" provides exemptions for Registered Electrical Contractors such exemptions shall be limited to a job value within the lowest range for regular permits in Schedule "A" for all classes of work.
7. Where electrical work is performed by a person without the required electrical permit, an electrical permit shall be obtained and the normally required electrical permit fees shall be doubled.
8. A separate electrical permit shall be obtained for each building or structure in which electrical work is being undertaken.
9. An electrical permit may only be issued to a Homeowner for electrical work in a single detached dwelling which the owner occupies or intends to occupy.
10. An electrical permit is valid for a period of 180 days from the date of the last inspection and if work has not been completed, a supplementary permit or an extension of the regular permit must be obtained.
11. An electrical permit for the supply of temporary power to a construction site shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of issue.
12. Where a certified electrical contractor does electrical work not requiring an electrical permit but requiring notification in accordance with Section 21 of the Provincial Electrical Safety Regulation B.C. Reg. 487/95 and no notification of such work is submitted within 3 working days, an electrical permit shall be obtained and the normally required electrical permit fees shall be doubled.
13. Any person who does, or causes to be done, or commences to do, any work for which a permit is required under the provisions of this By-law without having applied for such permit is guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties prescribed by the Offence Act.
14. The following By-laws are hereby repealed:
  - (a) "Electrical Inspection By-law, 1964, No. 2230."
  - (b) "Electrical Inspection By-law, 1964, No. 2230, Amendment By-law, 1965, No. 2347."
  - (c) "Electrical Inspection By-law, 1964, No. 2230, Amendment By-law, 1966, No. 2543."
  - (d) "Electrical Inspection By-law, 1964, No. 2230, Amendment By-law, 1969, No. 2915."
15. This By-law may be cited for all purposes as "Electrical Inspection Safety By-law, 1976, No. 4832" and shall come into full force and effect on the fourteenth day of June, 1976.

PASSED by the Municipal Council on the 17th Day of May, 1976.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the 31st day of May, 1976.

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"E. MCKITKA" MAYOR

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"C.D. Grieve" DEPUTY CLERK

**ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES**  
SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 4832

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1. Regular Permits

Fees for regular permits are based on the value of the electrical installation, including all material and labour and fees for design, testing, consulting, and monetary worth of contributed labour and materials.

Permit fees for homeowner permits are based on a deemed installation value of three times the cost of materials.

<b>Value of Electrical Installation</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$0 - \$300	\$41.00
\$301 - \$700	\$67.00
\$701 - \$1,000	\$94.00
\$1,001 - \$10,000	\$94.00 plus \$29.00 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$1,000)
\$10,001 - \$50,000	\$355.00 plus \$14.50 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$10,000)
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$915.00 plus \$9.70 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$50,000)
\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$1,399.00 plus \$7.75 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$100,000)
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$4,523.00 plus \$4.65 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$500,000)
\$1,000,001 -and over	\$6,810.30 plus \$3.05 per \$1,000 (or part thereof over \$1,000,000)

Electrical Permit fees will be divided into two portions. Ten percent of the estimated Electrical Permit Fee will be deemed applicable to plan checking and 90% of the estimated Electrical Permit fee will be deemed applicable to inspection charges. Where one or more letters of assurance from a registered professional are required, the plan checking amount will be reduced by 10% to a maximum deduction of \$500.

	<b>Description of Permit or Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
2.	The fee for the Extension of a regular permit shall be	\$42.00
3.	The fee for Reinspection Orders	\$55.00
4.	Temporary Entertainment Permits	\$71.40
(a)	the fee for a temporary entertainment permit (carnival, movie set, etc.) either initially or as a renewal shall be	
5.	Annual Permits	
	Fees for annual permits shall be:	
(a)	for a commercial or industrial installation	
i.	per kva of service capacity adjusted to nearest dollar	\$0.22
ii.	minimum fee	\$82.00
iii.	maximum fee	\$2,260.00
(b)	for educational facility installation	
i.	for each classroom, shop, laboratory, gymnasium, auditorium	\$2.25
ii.	minimum fee	\$79.15
iii.	maximum fee	\$2,217.00
(c)	for entertainment equipment set-up	
i.	for each set-up location	\$71.40
ii.	minimum fee	\$253.40
6.	Survey Permits	
(a)	The fee for a survey of single or duplex dwellings.	\$60.00
		[one hour minimum]
(b)	The fee for a survey of commercial or industrial premises	\$93.50
		[one hour minimum]
7.	Special Inspections	
	Where an applicant wishes a special inspection not provided for in the fee schedule, the fee shall be:	
(a)	during normal working hours	\$60.20
		[one hour

- (b) after hours during which the offices of the City Hall are normally open, the fee, in addition to other required fees, to be based on the time actually spent in making such inspection, including travelling time.
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\$417.00 plus  
\$104.50 per  
hour  
for each  
hour or part  
thereof  
beyond 4  
hours

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