



Building Inspections

February 27, 2020

Memo: Work-With Electrical Permit

To: Electrical Contractors, Florida Power & Light (FPL)

Re: Reenergizing Existing Services Prior to Inspection

From: Jonathan Bilby, Building Official

As an option, a duly licensed Electrical Contractor (EC or ER) is authorized to work with the power company for reenergizing residential electrical services, and commercial services 800 amps and less before an inspection is performed by Building Inspections. This is only valid where a permit has been issued for work being performed on an existing service on an occupied building. A request for inspection must be made within 24 hours of completion of the work. The permit holder is approving the reenergizing of power at their own risk, and is responsible for addressing any code violations in a timely manner. This is a courtesy, and, if any license holder does not schedule inspections or address code violations accordingly, the ability to do work with permits can be withdrawn.

The following procedures must be followed to energize power prior to an inspection:

1. A "Work-With" permit must be applied for, paid for, and obtained by the contractor.
2. Once the permit is issued, the City of Pensacola will email Florida Power & Light (FPL) giving authorization to reenergize in accordance with this policy.
3. The Electrical Contractor will do the work, Florida Power & Light (FPL) will reenergize, and the contractor will call for inspection within 24 hours of completion.

NOTE: Under no circumstances shall power be reconnected by Florida Power & Light (FPL) without a prior authorization email from the City specifying the permit number, address, and that the permit is a Work-With, thus approving reenergizing prior to Inspection. This type of permit only applies to existing services on occupied structures that are undergoing a service change-out or repairs to the service.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025

Due to the high volume of expired work-with permits since the program began in 2022, any contractor with one or more expired work-with permits that were issued on or after January 1, 2025, will be suspended from the work-with program until the expired permit is resolved. Suspension means that the contractor is not eligible for a work with permit, and authorization for reenergization of the service will only occur after the City's inspection. Renewal of the expired permit(s) and a passing inspection will allow the contractor to come back into the work-with program. This will take effect on July 1, 2025.

(Updated January 14, 2022, March 12, 2025)