



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Policy E.09

### Emergency Electrical Service Inspections

Municipality of Anchorage Building Safety Electrical Inspectors are on call for required service inspections that are classified as emergency in nature. These are services which when damaged must be replaced or repaired and energy restored immediately to protect life and property. Electrical Inspectors must be contacted after hours during these emergencies to inspect these services before they can be re-energized to maintain fire and life safety. Service wiring arrangements and requirements have changed over the years and unsafe results may occur when using new equipment with old wiring schemes.

Sometimes the service gear needed to replace or repair the damaged service is not readily available. When that happens it is usually better to wait and do the job correctly than to leave a patched up dangerous situation energized. Setting up a small generator for a few essential circuits or using a neighbors power with extension cords overnight might be a better answer than to rush through the job and install something dangerous.

Non-emergency service changes must be scheduled in advance with the electrical inspectors involved. Electrical Inspectors are available to work after hours and weekends but must be charged at call-out rates. Non-emergency service inspection work requested for the weekends or holidays must be paid for in advance. All such work and any time requests must be agreed to in advance with the electrical inspection section.

The emergency call out beeper number is given out to the Anchorage Fire Department, M.L.&P., Chugach Electric Utilities and local electrical contractors. Home owners repairing their own services may contact them for the number.

The Anchorage Administrative Code, Section 308.1 Energy Connections, States that: " Persons shall not make connections from a source of energy, fuel or power to building service equipment regulated by the technical codes and for which a permit is required by this code, until approved by the building official."

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