

## Temporary Power and Conditional Utility Residential Construction Clearance

The purpose of this guideline is to specify the process for issuing temporary power and conditional utility clearances and to distinguish the differences between the two. Final approval of temporary power or a conditional utility clearance is dependent on the field inspector. The field inspector will not grant temporary power or a conditional utility clearance if there are any imminent hazards that exist on the project site.

## **Temporary Power**

Temporary power may be issued for new construction, subdivision construction trailers, remodels, additions, fire damage repair, and for pool and landscape protection due to interrupted power. The purpose of temporary power is to provide construction power for these types of projects or to maintain power to pool filtration equipment and/or landscape timers when power has been interrupted.

**New Construction:** Temporary construction power for new construction must be on a temporary pole or pedestal. Temporary power shall not be provided in the permanent panel. The request for temporary power must be included on the permit application for new construction. An additional fee of \$150.00 will be assessed to the permit for new construction (TEMPRPWR).

**Subdivision Construction Trailers:** Temporary power, on a temporary pole or pedestal, may be issued for subdivision construction trailers if they are approved as part of the Model Home Complex plan or a use permit is obtained from the Planning Department. Construction trailers located on the same lot as the permitted construction do not require a use permit or approval as part of the Model Home Complex plan (City of Phoenix Zoning Ordinance section 608.C.2). A single permit will be issued for temporary power to a construction trailer. A fee of \$150.00 will be assessed (TEMPRPWR).

Remodels, Additions, and Fire Damage Repair: Temporary construction power for remodels, additions, and fire damage repair may be on a temporary pole or pedestal or in the permanent panel. The request for temporary power must be included on the permit application. The determination of whether temporary power will be allowed in the permanent panel or on a separate pole or pedestal will be per the discretion of the field inspector. An additional fee of \$150.00 will be assessed to the permit for the remodel, addition, or fire damage repair (TEMPRPWR).

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**Pool Surface and Landscape Protection:** In order to protect pools and landscaping during periods of power interruption, temporary power may be provided in the permanent panel if no imminent hazards exist. Only the dedicated circuits for the pool equipment and landscape timers are permitted to be energized. A single permit for temporary power will be issued. This permit will cover only the temporary power for the dedicated circuits. Any other work will require a separate permit. A fee of \$150.00 will be assessed (TEMPRPWR). This will typically be used for fire damage projects when a permit for the fire damage repair has not yet been obtained. It can take several weeks for the property owner to hire a contractor and obtain a permit for the fire damage repair. During this time, it is important to have the pool system filtering and the landscape timers operating.

## **Conditional Utility Clearance**

A conditional utility clearance may be issued for the acclimation of the interior of a structure for the purpose of installing wood flooring or other aesthetic materials that are sensitive to unconditioned spaces. The purpose of a conditional utility clearance is to allow for the early connection of electrical power in the panel prior to the full completion of all construction and issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Conditional utility clearances are subject to the discretion of the field inspector.

## Listed below is the process for obtaining a conditional utility clearance:

- The owner, legal agent, or contractor calls for inspection using the 631 inspection code and requests a conditional utility clearance.
- If the field inspector deems conditional utility clearance is acceptable and no imminent hazards exist, a Conditional Utility Clearance Agreement and Request application is given to the owner or legal agent by the field inspector.
- The owner or legal agent completes the Conditional Utility Clearance Agreement and Request application. The application must be signed by the owner or legal agent, the contractor, and the field inspector. The field inspector shall also note on the application why the conditional utility clearance is being issued.
- The owner or legal agent submits the application to counter one, located on the second floor of City Hall.
- The cashier adds the fee for the conditional utility clearance to the original permit and accepts payment. The fee is \$150 per request (CONDRUTL). Cashier stamps the Conditional Utility Clearance and Agreement application "PAID" and returns it to the owner or legal agent.
- Owner, legal agent, or contractor requests inspection for conditional utility clearance using the inspection code of 631.
- Original Conditional Utility Clearance and Agreement application is given to the field inspector at the time of inspection.
- Inspector issues clearance, reports clearance to the communications section, and notes the inspection result in KIVA.
- Original Conditional Utility Clearance and Agreement is forwarded to the area supervisor who then forwards it to records.