Department of Building Inspections



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Rules & Application for Temporary Power

Before temporary power can be issued:

- Go online at www.gastongov.com/departments/building-inspections/permit-applications and print temporary power application, or pick one up at the building inspections office
- Fill out application and return the signed notarized copy to the building inspections office
- Schedule an temporary electrical inspection of the property
- Once inspection has been approved, the Inspector will issue you a temporary power certificate and also place an approved sticker on the meter so that your utility provider may make the necessary connections.

In Accordance with Section 10.8 of the North Carolina Electrical Code, 2011 Edition Gaston County will Grant Temporary Power on a Building or portions thereof, <u>under the following conditions</u>, for a Period of no more than 90 days.

- 1) The service wiring and equipment, including the meter socket enclosure, shall be installed, the service wiring terminated, and the service equipment covers installed.
- 2) The portions of the electrical system that are to be energized shall be complete and physically protected.
- 3) The grounding electrode system shall be complete.
- 4) The grounding and the grounded conductors shall be terminated in the service equipment.
- 5) At least one receptacle outlet with ground fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel shall be installed with the circuit wiring terminated.
- 6) The applicable requirements of the North Carolina Electrical Code apply.
 - The applicant shall maintain the energized electrical system or that portion of the building containing the energized electrical system in a secured and locked manner or under constant supervision to exclude unauthorized personnel.
 - The applicant shall alert personnel working in the vicinity of the energized electrical system to its presence.

A temporary power Placard will be issued by the Inspector once approval for power has been granted; this placard MUST remain up in the vicinity of the energized portion of the building.

<u>Uses Prohibited. In no case shall any portion of the permanent wiring be energized until the portions have been inspected and approved by Gaston County Building Inspections. Failure to comply with this section may result in disconnection of power or revocation of permit.</u>

There will be a \$100.00 Non -Refundable charge for temporary power, to cover the cost of the inspection and placard.

If the inspection is failed then a return trip charge will be applied at \$60.00per trip.

If the placard is lost, there will be a \$10.00 charge for replacement placard.