Enforcement of the 2008 Electrical Code (NEC)

January 2009

Please note that the City of Bellevue will begin enforcing the 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) for permit application dates on and after December 31, 2008, in accordance with Washington State law. The 2008 NEC contains many changes which contractors and owners need to incorporate in proposed installations, including the following:

- NEC 210.12(B) has been revised to require combination-type AFCI protective devices for all dwelling unit 120-volt, single phase, 15- and 20-amp branch circuits serving nearly all rooms and areas.

- NEC 406.11 has been added to require all 125-volt 15- and 20-amp receptacles in dwelling units specified by NEC 210.52 to be listed as tamper-resistant.

For More Information

To learn more about the changes, you can:
- Visit the Development Services Center on the first floor of Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Avenue NE).
- Contact Bob Johnston, 425-452-4574, or David Sher, 425-452-4290, in the Building Division.
- See the new requirement for AFCIs, Development Services Handout B-3.