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To: All Electrical Contractors, Homeowners & Other Interested Parties

Re: Permits for Residential Electrical Service Upgrades, Replacements, Etc.

The following is a change to our permit policy on residential electrical service upgrades, service panel replacements, service repairs, etc.

For residential electrical service upgrades and replacements an Electrical Permit for a service must be purchased. The fee for a service is \$70.00. This fee includes the service and all **existing** circuits that are reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement/upgrade. The fee will be increased \$12.00 per circuit for any **additional** circuits installed as part of the project. The Property Maintenance Code is no longer enforced on this type of Electrical Permit.

All electrical service upgrades and replacements must meet the 2014 National Electrical Code (NEC). This includes, but is not limited to, service grounding and bonding, panelboard clearances, overhead service conductor clearances, conduit/cable strapping (including existing service conduit), breaker ties/2-pole breakers for multi-wire circuits, grouping multi-wire circuit conductors when necessary, and a completed circuit directory clearly identifying the use of each circuit and/or feeder.

If there is storm damage to a service mast an Electrical Permit must be purchased for the electrical service repair. The repairs to the service mast are required to meet the 2014 NEC. The Electrical Inspector will require access to the building to ensure the existing electrical service panel has an acceptable Grounding Electrode System. If there is storm damage to a service mast and the meter sequence is damaged, call Xcel Meters at 1-800-422-0782 to determine if they will require a bypass meter socket for the replacement. If a service with an indoor meter is damaged and needs repair, contact Xcel Meters to determine whether they want the meter moved outside (this is entirely up to them, they have the right to refuse service if their requirements are not met). If you have any other questions please contact us at (651) 266-9003 **BEFORE** you start. Thank you!