Temporary Electric Service for Construction

Temporary electric service is allowed to help the homebuilder to expedite construction. The placement of temporary service on a pole or on the building is at the builder’s discretion. Please contact PG&E for their requirements and recommendations for location of the temporary power pole, in order to prevent electric shock accidents.

Petaluma Building Division requires that the temporary electrical service be installed as follows:

1. On a temporary service pole as described in PG&E’s Electrical Service Manual, or
2. Supported on a wood framing that makes up the exterior wall of the structure, or
3. Supported with a minimum of two (2) 2x4’s and anchored to stem wall/grade beam or rim joist.

The temporary service must be installed and grounded as required by the California Electrical Code, i.e. 110/120 volts, receptacles must be GFCI protected with weatherproof covers, etc.

Without a temporary electric service permit, PG&E will not be authorized to connect the electric service until it is necessary to check GFI circuits, i.e., just before occupancy.

If you have any questions regarding this document, or on special circumstances please call the Building Division at (707) 778-4301.