



Division of Building Regulation

Requirements for Electrical Meter Release for One and Two Family Dwellings

The electrical inspection for a meter release, on new residences as mandated by Section E-3601.8 of the Virginia Residential Code and is indicated on the electrical permit as inspection # 314, will be performed with the listed below requirements.

1. Electrical meter releases shall be granted upon request with the following:
 - a) Roof covering installed;
 - b) Final exterior cover installed on the meter side of house or electrical service equipment shall be suitable for wet locations;
 - c) Service conductors and meter base installed;
 - d) Service panel (disconnect) and cover installed;
 - e) At least one GFCI breaker installed; and or
 - f) At least one receptacle on a ground-fault-protected circuit installed;
 - g) Grounding electrode system installed and terminated;
 - h) Depending on the location of the electrical panel doors and/or windows;
 - i) Permanent address shall be posted on building;
 - j) An approved electrical inspection.
- 2) Requests shall only be granted if requested by permit holder.
- 3) If the permit holder request's an electrical meter release before or after the rough in inspection has been performed an additional permit fee of \$75 shall be paid.
- 4) The electrical permit holder shall be responsible for maintaining the electrical temporary service in a safe manner. If at any time the temporary electrical service is found to be unsafe (panel cover not installed, damaged device, etc.) the electrical power may be disconnected.

If the new residence had the power energized during construction, the electrical permit holder shall have all the breakers in the electrical panel in the **On** position when requesting the final electrical inspection. If the breakers are not in the **On** position for the final electrical inspection a re-inspection fee may be charged to the permit holder.