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POLICY 22-01: PERMANENT ELECTRICAL SERVICE

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This policy supersedes Policy 95-1. All applications for permanent electrical service prior to the existence of a legal residence on a residential parcel, for agricultural parcels, and all requests for multiple meters must be reviewed and approved by the building official. Applicants must provide written justification including the use of the electrical service on the required electrical service application forms or in a separate letter. The building official's review is limited to the amperage limitations and whether the request meets the guidelines of this policy. If electrical service is utilized to support activities that are in violation of Shasta County Code, the building official may request the power to be disconnected by the utility.

Establishment of permanent electrical service:

1. Permanent electrical service may be established for legal residential accessory buildings, as defined in SCC Section 17.02.125, for which the issuance of a building permit is required regardless of the existence of a legal residence on the parcel. Amperage may be limited at the discretion of the building official.
2. Permanent electrical service may be established for legal agricultural accessory buildings, as defined in SCC Section 17.02.105, for which the issuance of a building permit is required if the use of the service is to establish or expand an agricultural use on the parcel and/or adjacent parcels. For agricultural accessory buildings that are exempt from the requirement to obtain a building permit, permanent electrical service may be established at the discretion of the building official when the building official determines that a legitimate need for permanent electrical service exists. Amperage may be limited at the discretion of the building official.
3. Permanent electrical service may be established for agricultural operations on parcels zoned for agricultural use by the Shasta County Zoning Plan. Service will be conditioned for agricultural use only. Amperage may be limited at the discretion of the building official.
4. Prior to the final inspection of Photovoltaic Systems on parcels with an active building permit for a residence, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The permit must include a solar ready panel or be installed on permanent breakers; and
 - b. All Solar Labeling must be installed; and
 - c. The residence must have passed the rough frame inspection.
5. Photovoltaic Systems may be permitted on undeveloped parcels only if an adjacent parcel containing a legal residence is owned by the same owner, a covenant is recorded, and the power produced by the system will serve the legal residence on the adjacent parcel, or if there is a bona fide agricultural operation on parcels zoned for full time agricultural uses.

Multiple permanent electrical meters:

The establishment of only one permanent electrical meter will be permitted for a parcel except in the following situations:

1. Commercial or industrial designated parcels. If a discretionary permit is required for a commercial or industrial development and/or use that requires multiple meters on a parcel, then approval of the required discretionary permit must be granted prior to approval of multiple meters.

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2. Legal multiple-family residences.
3. Bona fide agricultural operations on land zoned for full time agricultural uses, based on a documented need for the additional service connection (i.e., stock pond recharge, milking barns, etc.). Amperage may be limited at the discretion of the building official.
4. Unusual terrain limitations that make service from a residence to an accessory use impractical or impossible. Amperage may be limited at the discretion of the building official.
5. Service to a legally established second dwelling, accessory dwelling unit, family care unit, or other types of legal dwelling units.

When deemed appropriate and necessary, the building official may approve multiple permanent electrical meters on parcels in situations other than those outlined above.