

Electrified Fencing Administrative Permit (17.620.130)

Electrified fencing is allowed in the M-1, M-1(S), M-2, and M-2(S) zones and requires an administrative permit. The purpose of this application is to review compliance with standards in City Code section 17.620.130. Following approval of this application, an electrified fence requires a building permit from the Building Division and an alarm permit from the Police Department.

How to submit this application:

This application is only submitted through an online process. For more information about the online application submittal process please visit the e-Planning Submittal Service webpage. That webpage includes a guide that explains the entire submittal process. You may also go directly to the Citizen Permit Portal, located online at aca.accela.com/sacramento. Applications may be digitally signed. All responses from the Citizen Permit Portal will be emailed to you from the email address noreply@accela.com. Please check your email's junk mailbox or spam filter regularly to make sure you are receiving the communications.

How to pay fees:

Once the application is received, Planning staff will send the applicant an invoice and link to pay the necessary application fees online.

How to ask questions:

All questions can be directed to the Planning Helpdesk: planning@cityofsacramento.org, or by visiting the public counter in-person through a schedule appointment. To schedule an in-person appointment at the public counter, please visit the Appointment Scheduling [website](#).

Application Submittal Requirements

1. ____ Completed and signed application (i.e., this application form)
2. ____ Administrative Permit Fee as specified in Administrative Permit Fee sheet (form CDD-0028) ([click here](#))
3. ____ One full size set of plans, drawn to scale. Set of plans must include a site plan, and elevations of all sides of the proposed fencing.
4. ____ Photos of all sides of the project site.

Electrified Fencing Application Form

Please complete all sections, providing as much detail as possible regarding the scope of your proposal.

Subject Site Information

Project Name: _____

Site address or location of property: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): _____

Total property size in acres (Gross/Net): _____

Square feet if less than one (1) acre: _____

Property Owner Information

Contact name: _____

Company name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Applicant Information

Contact name: _____

Company name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Letter of Agency from Property Owner

This section of the application is required to be completed if this application is submitted by someone other than the property owner.

I, the undersigned legal owner of record, hereby grant permission to: _____

Name of Applicant

to apply for an electrified fence for my property.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

Project Narrative

Please describe the scope of work proposed for review. Include additional pages, if necessary.

Review Criteria

Please answer “yes,” “no,” or “N/A” (not applicable) to the items below and provide the requested information. For an administrative permit to be approved, the project must meet all applicable standards below. If staff concurs with the answer, the ‘staff’ checkbox will be marked.

		Yes	No	N/A	Staff
Location					
1.	Is the site located in the M-1, M-1(S), M-2, or M-2(S) zone? <i>Zoning of site:</i> _____				
Height					
2.	Does the fence comply with the maximum height allowed of 10 ft? Per City Code section 17.620.100.B., the height of a wall or fence is measured from the highest point of the fence or wall to the adjacent finish grade. Where the finish grades differ on each side of the wall or fence, such as when the wall or fence is used as a soil retaining structure, the height is measured from the higher adjacent finish grade. <i>Proposed height:</i> _____ <i>ft</i>				
Perimeter Fence or Wall					
3.	Unless a different height is required by question 5 below, or for vehicle access gates along roadways, will the electrified fencing be surrounded by a non-electrified fence or wall at least 6 feet in height?				

		Yes	No	N/A	Staff
	Height of perimeter fence or wall: _____ ft				
4.	Does the electric fence comply with the following setback requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set back a minimum of 12 inches from any opening of 3 inches or less in the perimeter fence or wall Set back a minimum of 36 inches from any opening greater than 3 inches in the perimeter fence or wall Distance between fence and openings \leq 3 inches: _____ Distance between fence and openings $>$ 3 inches: _____				
5.	Does the perimeter fence or wall comply with the clear zone requirements in City Code section 17.620.100.C?				
Adjacent Uses and Zoning					
6.	If adjacent to residential zones or uses or schools, is a solid masonry, brick, or similar material perimeter wall of 8 feet in height provided? Zoning of Adjacent Sites: _____ _____ - Adjacent Land Uses: _____ _____ -				
Existing Fencing					
7.	If there is any existing barbed wire, concertina wire, or other similar fencing materials capable of inflicting significant physical injury, do the plans include a notation that these will be removed before completing installation of an electrified fence?				
Electrical Standards					
8.	Do the plans include the following statement?: All electrified fencing conforms to the following standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards for electric fence energizers; and California Electrical Code (CEC) 				

Electrification

9.	Do the plans include the following statement?: Energizers for the electrified fence will be powered by a commercial storage battery not to exceed 12 volts DC unless the building official approves a source of equal or less power.				
10.	Do the plans include the following statement?: Electric charges produced by the electrified fencing, upon contact, do not exceed the energizer characteristics set forth in the IEC standard for electric fence energizers.				
11.	Do the plans include the following statement? Non-low voltage electrical components (e.g., controllers, transformers) of the electric fencing system are approved and listed by an Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)?				

Warning Signs

12.	<p>Will the electrified fencing be identified with signage with minimum dimensions of 9 inches by 12 inches? <i>Dimensions of signage:</i> _____</p>				
13.	<p>Will the electrified fencing be identified with signage that is placed at intervals not greater than 30 feet on both the inside and outside of the fence? <i>Total length of fence:</i> _____ <i>Total number of warning signs proposed:</i> _____ <i>Distance(s) between warning signs:</i> _____ _____ -</p>				
14.	Will the electrified fencing be identified with signage that reads “Warning! Electric Fence” in English along with the international electrical safety symbol for voltage or shock hazards? Sign content may, in addition to English, also be provided in other languages.				

Emergency Access

15.	<p>Do the plans include the following statements?: Access through the electrified fencing will be provided to first responders (e.g., police, fire, etc.) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A “knock box” or other similar approved device will be installed in locations approved by the building official. <input type="checkbox"/> A means to disconnect electrical power will be readily available as determined by the building official <input type="checkbox"/> Disconnect switches and controls will be in an accessible location on the property and not be obscured in any manner from the street or private driveway access 				
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		Yes	No	N/A	Staff
	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage will be provided identifying disconnect switches and controls in addition to instructions for disabling the electrical system				
Access by First Responders					
16.	Do the plans include the following statement?: If emergency access features required by Sacramento City Code section 17.620.130 are absent or non-functional, and an owner, manager, employee, custodian, or any other person with control over the property is not present, or refuses to or is unable to disable the electrified fence, the permittee authorizes first responders, including the police and the fire departments, to disable the electric fence to gain access to the property. Permittee further agrees to waive all claims for damages to the electrified fence against the city and its personnel under such circumstances.				

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The proposed project meets all Planning development standards; therefore this Planning application is **approved**. This approval is subject to a seven-day reconsideration period, consistent with City Code Section 17.812.020. Planning approval is valid for up to three years from the date of decision pursuant to City Code Section 17.808.470. Conditions of approval may be imposed pursuant to City Code Section 17.808.240 in a memorandum attached to this application. Please note that subsequent Building and Alarm permits may be required for construction. The project may require additional permits from other agencies or departments.

The proposed project does not meet all Planning development standards; therefore this application is **denied**. The unmet Planning standards are as noted on the checklist above. A new application can be submitted at any time, subject to the standard submittal requirements and fees.

Signature of Staff

Date of Decision

NEXT STEPS

If the application demonstrates compliance with all applicable standards, please submit a building permit application and alarm permit application:

Building Permit:

1. Log in to your [Citizen Portal](#) account and select “Create Planning Application or Clearance to Submit to Building” via the Planning tab.
2. After entering the site information and contacts, select “Building Permit Submittal Clearance” as the application type. For assistance submitting through the Citizen Portal, please see the [Electronic Plan Check \(EPC\) Building Permit Complete Submittal Guide](#).

Alarm Permit:

1. Visit the Sacramento Police Department’s Alarm Permit website ([click here](#)) to submit an application online.

If the application does not demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards, please revise the application as indicated above and submit a new administrative permit application.

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2. After entering the site information and contacts, select “Planning Application” as the application type. For assistance submitting through the Citizen Portal, please see the [e-Planning Registration and Submittal Guide](#).