



## Community Development Department

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### ALL-ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

On June 16, 2021, the City Council adopted an all-electric ordinance. The ordinance is for all Newly Constructed Buildings and Substantial Building Alterations as defined in The City Municipal Code Section 17.09.

With this ordinance the City is demonstrating a commitment to reducing our carbon footprint. Petaluma is committed to becoming a carbon neutral city by the year 2030! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn about our Climate Ready 2030 initiative.

Contractors and designers will need to demonstrate compliance on the submitted construction plans. The goal is simple. No fuel gas piping is permitting in new buildings and substantial alterations complying with this ordinance. The ordinance does not address portable appliances, such as barbeque grills.

**All new buildings and substantial alterations** are to be “all-electric,” meaning a building that uses a permanent supply of electricity as the source of energy for all space heating, water heating (including pools and spas), cooking appliances, and clothes drying appliances, and has no natural gas or propane plumbing installed in the building.

Existing buildings that undergo a substantial alteration must comply where 50% or more of exterior walls are replaced and if an addition of 50% or more of the gross floor area is proposed. “**Substantial Building Alteration**” shall mean an alteration or addition to an existing building involving removal of more than 50% of the perimeter of the exterior walls of the existing building or the addition of more than 50% of the gross floor area to the existing building.

The ordinance exempts the following:

- A. Additions and Alterations to existing buildings, except for Substantial Building Alterations; and
- B. The use of portable propane appliances outside of the building envelope, such as for outdoor 25 cooking and outdoor heating appliances; and
- C. Essential Services Buildings that are Electric Ready; and
- D. Back-up power facilities for Essential Services Buildings; and
- E. Development projects that have obtained vested rights prior to the effective date of this chapter.

For more information see this City website: [All-Electric Code - City of Petaluma](#)