

**CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
BUILDING PERMIT POLICY**

Subject: CABLE INSTALLATION FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS

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**Reference: 2022 Denver Building Code (DBC) Section 1 Administration Section 103.8,
2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) 590 Temporary Installations**

Scope: This policy is intended to identify the conditions for when the requirements of NEC 590.4(J) shall apply for Temporary Special Events. A Temporary Special Event is defined as an event lasting no longer than (3) three days in duration. This policy does not apply to cable installations for temporary construction sites and holiday lighting.

The National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 590.4(J) requires that cable assemblies and flexible cords and cables installed as branch circuits or feeders shall not be installed on the floor or on the ground. Due to the short duration and low risk hazard associated with Temporary Special Events, this code article shall not be enforced for cable assemblies and flexible cords and cables installed within any areas occupied by a Temporary Special Event lasting no longer than (3) three days in duration.

Temporary Special Events lasting longer than (3) four days in duration shall meet the requirements of NEC 590.4(J) unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.

Cable assemblies and flexible cords and cables installed within the Temporary Special Events area shall be protected from accidental damage per NEC 590.4(H).

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