

Electrical General Notes

- Project Information:
- Unless specifically noted otherwise, it shall be understood that when the words "Owner" or "Client" are used in these drawings they are interchangeable an all refer to Mamaronck UFSD.
  - Unless specifically noted otherwise, it shall be understood that when the words "Architect", "Engineer", or "A/E" are used in these drawings they are interchangeable an all refer to LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture Surveying ("LAN").
  - Unless specifically noted otherwise, it shall be understood that when the word "Contractor" is used in the Electrical (E-##) drawings and/or Electrical Specification sections it refers to the Electrical Contractor.
  - Where any device or part of equipment is referred to in these drawings in the singular number (e.g., "the switch", "the receptacle"), this reference shall be deemed to apply to many such devices as are required to complete the installation as shown on the drawings.
  - Headings, section titles, and notes shall be interpreted as being subject to the Engineer's authorization. Schedule shutdown during off hours and implement and maintain a temporary operational plan.
- Code & Standards Compliance:
- Code compliance is mandatory. Nothing in these Drawings and Specifications permits work not conforming to these codes. Where work is shown to exceed minimum code requirements, comply with drawings and specifications. When differences in utility specifications or standards, governmental ordinances or codes occur, the more stringent requirements shall govern the installation.
  - The electric installation shall be in accordance with the currently enforced edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC), National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), American Electricians' Handbook, International Building Code (IBC), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), NFPA 55 & 59 ASHRAE 90.1 and NEC Standard of installation. Wherever in the documents the word "code" is stated, the more stringent of the above referenced codes is implied.
  - All contractor supplied materials/equipment shall be new and UL Listed or approved by another Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).
  - The contractor shall pay for and obtain all permits and inspections required by the building and safety codes and ordinances, and the rules and regulations of any legal body having jurisdiction. Permit and inspections shall be include in the base bid and shall not be cause for an extra.
  - Contractor shall conform to all safety rules and other regulations, etc. pertaining to construction work on the client's premises. Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that all rules and regulations have been met and coordinate this work with responsible clients personnel.
  - All electrical equipment and raceways permanently attached to structures, including supporting structures and attachments to non-building structures, shall be anchored for seismic loading to resist a horizontal force action in any direction. Contractor shall provide seismic restraints for all conduits larger than 2 1/2" trade diameter. Provide sway braces for conduit and equipment suspended from the overhead. Provide anchor bolts for floor and wall mounted equipment. The installation shall meet the requirements of International Building Code (IBC) as it applies to electrical equipment and seismic loads.
  - Contractor shall review code compliance drawings and identify all penetrations through fire/smoke partitions, floor and roofs. Patch compromised partitions to match fire/smoke resistance rating as stated on code compliance drawings.
- General Procedures:
- All equipment shall be as indicated by the Engineer/Architect.
  - The cost incurred by the acceptance of substitutions shall be borne by the contractor. Proof for the equality of the substitutions shall be by the contractor and differences shall be enumerated with the submittal. Submission without the differences noted can be grounds for rejection without review.
  - Electrical components, including but not limited to, conductor size, overcurrent protection device and disconnect switches are based on the power requirements of the equipment shown on the contract documents. All costs (including additional design fees if required) associated with changes to these power requirements shall be the responsibility of the contractor making the change.
  - Obtain shop drawings and wiring diagrams for the proper installation of related electrical work.
  - The contractor shall remove and reinstall ceiling systems as required for the installation of new electrical work and replace, as needed, any components damaged by personnel or equipment during performance of the work.
  - Electrical Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of debris generated by his work and workers at the end of each working day and for general good housekeeping by his workers. Electrical Contractor shall provide required refuse containers.
  - Unless otherwise indicated on the mechanical schedules/drawings, the electrical contractor shall provide and install all mechanical and electrical equipment (i.e., roof top HVAC units, exhaust fans, variable air volume devices, etc.)
- Site Conditions/Drawing Coordination:
- These drawings and specifications illustrate the work to be performed. The Engineer is not responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures used to do the work, or the safety aspects of construction, and nothing on these drawings expressed or implied changes this condition. Prior to bidding and/or starting work the contractor shall visit the project site to determine the conditions under which the work is to be performed and shall be responsible for knowing how they affect the work. Schedule site visit with client's representatives. Additionally, the contractor shall field verify all site dimensions and room layouts. Submission of a bid to perform this work is an acknowledgement of these responsibilities, and that they have been fully considered in planning of the work, and the bid price. No claims or extra charges due to these conditions will be forthcoming.
  - The client will occupy the site and existing building during the entire construction period. Cooperate with the client during construction operations to avoid any conflicts. Perform the work so as not to interfere with the client's operations. Schedule all power outages with client's approval for overtime on Sundays and Holidays at no additional cost to the client.
  - Existing conditions are based on field observations, etc. are designed to show preferred design/construction documents and existing record documents and are intended to indicate the scope of the work affected by this project.
  - Drawings shall not be scaled. Drawings indicate the general arrangement of systems and requirements of the work. Although size and location of equipment is drawn to scale wherever possible, contractor shall make use of all data in all of the contract documents and verify conditions at the project site.
  - The electrical contractor shall make his own takeoff on all quantities. It shall be his responsibility, at his cost, to include all equipment and material in order to comply with the intent of the drawings.
  - The circuit numbers are for identification only. The contractor shall be responsible for correctly phasing the circuits in panels.
  - Existing Circuit Designations:
    - All reference to existing circuit designations is based on previous project documentation. The contractor shall consult the engineer in the event that actual conditions do not coincide with the indicated re-distribution or other use of existing circuits as herein indicated.
    - The total connected load for any general purpose (protected at 20A) branch circuit which is re-distributed as a part of this project shall not exceed 13A.
    - Any deviation, as may be directed by the engineer from the indicated circuit structure specified in this drawing set will require both verification by the contractor that the total connected load on the associated supply conductors is within the above specified limit and documentation in the project record (as-built) drawings.
  - The electrical installation shown is represented diagrammatically and indicates the general arrangement of systems and work. The locations and arrangements of equipment, devices, switchboards, panels, partitions, openings, etc. are designed to show preferred configurations to suit known conditions but are approximate and are subject to modifications caused by structural conditions and other existing or proposed equipment. The locations are subject to such modifications as may be found necessary or desirable at the time of installation in order to accommodate field conditions and coordination requirements. Contractor shall follow the intent of the drawings in "laying out" the work and coordinating the work with other trades to verify spacing conditions. Contractor shall determine routing locations required to effect such coordination. The electrical contractor shall coordinate all work and shall make such changes without extra charge.
  - The contract drawings depict the approximate location of all required equipment and if shown, the diagrammatic arrangement of piping, raceways, conduits, feeders, cables, etc., herein after referred to as "conduit." Conduit runs, if shown, have been depicted with the intention of most clearly indicating the proposed routing. Actual runs may differ if kept within the requirements and provisions of these specifications, and providing that that all modifications have been shown in the shop drawings. Contractor responsible to determine conduit runs and "clear" piping, ductwork, access doors, and other obstructions as applicable. Contractor shall coordinate conduit with work of other trades and alter where necessary to avoid interference. Submit for approval, prior to scaled installation drawings showing the location of all new equipment/devices to be installed and indicating circuit designations. Shop drawings shall include all wiring, pull boxes, junction boxes, fittings, wiring devices and dimensioned clearances from the structure and equipment. Coordinate shop drawings with other trades prior to submission.
  - Before the relevant work proceeds, the Contractor shall prepare and submit five (5) copies of shop drawings depicting the proposed conduit routing diagram and equipment layout. Specifically detailed shall be a layout of the switchboard and related equipment in each electric room or electric closet. All equipment layouts shall be drawn to scale and dimensioned. Shop drawings shall be a minimum of 1/8" = 1'-0" and preferably 1/4"=1'-0", dimensioned, showing construction, sizes, weights, arrangements, operating characteristics, performance characteristics and the necessary coordinating trades involved. Shop drawings will not be accepted unless a complete list of deviations from architect's/engineer's proposed plans is included. Exact location of all equipment will be determined in the field and the contractor must secure exact dimensional data before the layout of any work.
- Routing for feeders, instrumentation and control circuits is not shown on the plan drawings. If indicated on the floor plans, they express the intent of routing. Final location and routing shall be suited for the construction of the building and established by the contractor based on the installation conditions and shall be verified in the field. All feeder information, conduit types and installation requirements shall be in accordance with the specifications, electrical sir diagram and appropriate panel schedules.
  - Unless specifically noted otherwise, all conduit shall be installed in accordance with the responsibility of the contractor.
  - Where mounting heights are not detailed or dimensioned, install electrical services and overhead equipment to provide maximum headroom possible. Connect equipment for ease of disconnecting with minimum interference with other installations.
  - Provide temporary power and lighting as required during the entire duration of demolition and construction utilizing the existing electrical system as a source. The Electrical Contractor shall remove all temporary power and lighting upon the completion of the project.
  - Unless otherwise noted, refer to architectural drawings for elevations and relative positions of equipment, wall, ceiling and floor information and minor architectural differences in each room. Where conflicts exist, provide in the bid proposal the more costly alternative.
- Work/Trade Coordination
- Refer to all other trades' drawings for additional work requirements called out to be performed by the Electrical Contractor. The Electrical Contractor is responsible for all work items pertaining to electric (120V or low voltage), regardless of the drawing location.
  - Coordinate work with other trades to avoid conflict and to provide correct rough in and connection for equipment furnished under trades that require electrical connections. Inform Contractor of other trades' drawings of the required access to and clearances around electrical equipment to maintain serviceability and code compliance.
  - The electrical contractor shall verify the size and rating of all approved mechanical equipment prior to the installation of feeder and branch circuit conductors and overcurrent protection devices.
  - AC and Refrigeration Equipment Nameplate Rating: Short circuit and ground fault protection device rating shall not exceed the manufacturer's values marked on the equipment.
  - Sequence, coordinate and integrate installations of electrical materials and equipment for efficient flow of work. Give particular attention to large equipment requiring positioning prior to closing in the building. Coordinate the cutting and patching of building components to accommodate installation of the electrical equipment and materials.
  - Provide coordination drawings for all required access panel locations in gypsum ceiling to accommodate engineer's coordination drawings.
  - The Contractor shall coordinate work with the other trades to ensure the minimum safe working clearances around electrical equipment and to ensure access to equipment requiring calibration or maintenance (including motors, controls, instruments, panels, lights, valves, filters, and VAV boxes). Working space and access shall be sufficient for an adult to perform maintenance safely without straddling or removing obstructions and shall conform to NEC requirements (i.e., 110.26, 110.34). Work shall be performed on working space or that impedes maintenance shall be relocated at the Contractor's expense.
- Installation:
- Grounding shall be installed in accordance with the NEC in accordance with electrode, grounding and bonding requirements for service, equipment and enclosures. Install an insulated equipment ground conductor in the raceway of the required access to and clearances around electrical equipment in accordance with NEC Table 250.122. Bond raceways and the frames and enclosures of motors, breakers, switches, and other electrical equipment to the building grounding system. Precaution shall be taken to ensure adequate ground continuity along the conduit or raceway.
  - Provide a separate neutral conductor for each circuit. Install neutral conductors and ground conductors into all switch boxes. Multiple circuits shall not share a common neutral. Neutral shall be sized as large as the phase conductors. Neutral conductors shall not be reduced in size.
  - Arrange connections for single phase circuits to achieve three phase load balance within 20% of the average phase load current. Ungrounded conductors using a common neutral must originate from different phases.
  - The electrical contractor is responsible for maintaining proper phase rotation with all existing electrical work and raceways.
  - Phase rotation check: on multi-phase equipment, perform a phase rotation check prior to energizing the equipment. Use Knopp K-3 or equivalent device with red or "A" lead connected to phase A, white or "B" lead connected to phase B, and blue or "C" lead connected to phase C. Note the phase rotation and annotate test documentation with device used, manner connected, rotation observed, date of test, and name of craftsman. Do not ignore equipment unless otherwise indicated on the drawings.
  - Contractor shall supply all labor, power cables, conduit boxes, fittings, wiring materials, hardware, supports, and miscellaneous items for a complete electrical installation and connection of the electrical work required, except that the provision for owner supplied equipment shall be only be completed to the point indicated elsewhere on the drawings.
  - The Contractor/Installer shall use a calibrated torque tool to achieve the indicated torque value which the tightening torque numeric values identified on the electrical equipment or in the installation instructions. In the absence of connector or the equipment manufacturer's recommended torque values, the tables in Informative Annex I may be used to correctly tighten screw-type connections for power and lighting circuits. Informative Annex I represents the "Recommended Tightening Torque Tables from UL Standard 486A-B".
  - All cables, not within conduit (ex., MC type, fire alarm, PA), routed within the ceiling cavity must be secured using Bridle rings, J-hooks, or other appropriate means. The cable must not lay on dropped ceiling panels, be fastened to existing electrical conduits, steam pipes, sprinkler pipes, insulated pipes, or be routed in such a fashion as to obstruct access hatches, doors, utility access panels, mechanical service work areas or fittings and shall not be routed through fire doors, ventilating shafts, or grates.
  - Unless otherwise provided, MC cables shall be secured at intervals not exceeding 6'. Cables containing four or fewer conductors sized no larger than 10 AWG shall be secured within 12" of every box, cabinet, fitting, or other cable termination.
  - Type MC cable shall be permitted to be unsupported where the cable: (a) Is fished between access points through concealed spaces in finished buildings or structures and supporting is impractical; or (b) Is not more than 6' in length from the last point of cable support to the point of connection to luminaires or other electrical equipment and the cable is supported at the point of connection to an accessible ceiling. Type MC cable fittings shall be permitted as a means of cable support.
  - All cable trays and electrical conduits shall be independently supported and braced independently of the ceiling.
  - All new wiring is to be run concealed wherever possible. All conductors shall be in a surface mounted metallic raceway in public spaces or metallic conduit in utility locations when not routed or concealed in the ceiling cavity. Any locations that do not have accessible ceiling (dropped ceilings will require the use of surface mounted metallic raceways. Provide pull-boxes (size per code) and locate in conduit runs as required. No exposed cable may be installed.
  - Surface mounted metallic raceway shall meet the following criteria:
    - Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions for system components and approved shop drawings. Coordinate installation with adjacent work to ensure proper clearances and prevent electrical hazards.
    - Install in accordance with complete system instruction sheets.
    - Install enclosures to be mechanically continuous and connected to all electrical outlets, boxes, device mounting brackets, and cabinets, in accordance with manufacturer's installation sheets.
    - Install enclosures to be electrically continuous and bonded in accordance with the National Electric Code for proper grounding.
    - Mechanical Security. Raceway systems shall be mechanically continuous and connected to all electrical outlets, boxes, device mounting brackets, and cabinets, in accordance with manufacturer's installation sheets.
    - Electrical Security. Metal raceway shall be electrically continuous and bonded in accordance with the National Electric Code for proper grounding.
    - Raceway Support. Raceway shall be supported by 2x4ole straps at intervals not exceeding 5 feet or in accordance with manufacturer's installation sheets.
    - Accessories: Provide accessories as required for a complete installation, including insulated bushings and inserts where required by manufacturer.
  - Unused Openings: Close unused raceway openings using manufacturer's recommended accessories.
  - Where PVC raceway is indicated to be installed exposed in an external environment, expansion fittings shall be installed to meet the requirements of NEC 352.44.
  - All openings and penetrations shall be sealed upon completion of the electrical installation to prevent the spread of smoke and fire through openings. Seal around conduit and raceway penetrations through interior walls and floor separating areas to restore original fire rating; use a UL classified fire sealant. Seal penetrations through roof and exterior walls to make watertight. Request inspection of fire seals by electrical inspector from authority having jurisdiction before and after placement of fire seal materials. All openings shall be coordinated with the other trades to limit interference and obstruction.
  - Limit the use of electrical metallic tubing (EMT) to where it will not be subject to physical damage or corrosion. Use intermediate metal conduit (IMC) or rigid galvanized steel conduit (RGS) where raceways are embedded in concrete or exposed to physical damage. Use minimum size 3/4" conduit. EMT shall be supported by 2x4ole straps at intervals not exceeding 5 feet or in accordance with manufacturer's installation sheets.
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