

POLICY:

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- updated June 1, 2018 for 2017 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code*
- updated May 31, 2023 for 2023 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code*

SENSOR RELEASE OF ELECTRONICALLY LOCKED EGRESS DOORS

Section 1010.2.12, 2021 International Building Code

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A building permit shall not be required for the installation of Low-Voltage Security Access Control Systems, provided unrestricted egress is maintained at all times. All work shall comply with Section 1010.2.12 of the 2021 International Building Code. If egress is restricted or delayed by the Control System, plans must be submitted and a building permit shall be obtained by the General Contractor responsible for the work.

COMMENTARY:

The intent of this policy is to provide code relief for low-voltage access-control systems that have no effect on egress from the space. The access-control systems are typically installed for security purposes, and limit access by unauthorized personnel into certain areas or rooms without hindering egress from the room or space. Low voltage wiring, as used in this scenario, would not require an electrical permit and if a building permit was issued, the scope of work would require only cursory inspection by the inspector for compliance with IBC 1010.2.12. If unrestricted egress is maintained at all times, it is our opinion that the life-safety of the building or space has not been lessened by this installation, therefore a building permit is not required.

This policy is not applicable to any Access Control System that affects the egress of the room or space in which it is installed. These systems will require a building permit which can be obtained by a General Contractor holding a Contractor A or B license issued by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department.