



CITY OF PORTLAND
Permitting and Inspections Department
AES Permitting, Installation and Inspections

Background:

To ensure an applicant is familiar with the requirements for a new AES radio communication device in a marajiana business, the City of Portland is issuing the following guidance on the permitting, installation, and inspection process. An AES radio communication device that is required by 35-36 (2) of the [City of Portland City Code Chapter 35](#). Chapter 35 reads: “*Door and window intrusion robbery and burglary alarm systems with audible and Police Department notification components that are connected to a new or existing AES system, and are professionally monitored and maintained in good working condition.*”

Process & Procedures:

- The AES system provides a direct connection to the City’s Dispatch Center for faster notification of security alarms. In addition to the AES system, your security alarm system is also required to have 3rd party central station alarm monitoring.
- An applicant will need to apply for a City of Portland Fire Alarm permit from the Permitting and Inspections Department. The new device must meet the parameters laid out in [City Code Chapter 10](#) and the [Portland Fire Department Rules and Regulations](#). Once the application is reviewed and approved, the City Alarm Technician will schedule a site visit to determine the signal strength of the proposed location. After a location is determined, the new unit may be installed. The radio transmitter **SHALL NOT** be hooked up and powered on until the final approval is given by the City Fire Alarm Technician.
- Fire alarm permits in the City of Portland can only be issued to an approved fire alarm company that has been verified by the Fire Prevention Bureau. See <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/1486/Approved-Fire-Alarm-Companies> for more information.
- An electrical permit from the Permitting and Inspections Department must also be applied for and issued to run the power supply for the installation of the new AES device and the various burglar alarm components. Permits are required to be applied for on the [CSS portal](#).
- An [AES Corp 7058E Burglary Subscriber](#) or approved equivalent is required for the make/model of the required AES box
- The AES unit must be capable of separating and transmitting two distinct zones over the AES network. One zone will be reserved for panic buttons and the other will carry the remainder of the burglar alarm devices.

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