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The City of Houston Streamlines the Permitting Process for Making Repairs to Gas, Electrical and Water Lines

Mayor Bill White today announced that city of Houston building officials will authorize temporary emergency connections by a licensed electrical or plumbing contractor to expedite certain repairs for homeowners.

If your electrical or gas system has been damaged and requires reconnection, you are asked to contact a licensed electrical or plumbing contractor who is registered with the State of Texas Department of Licensing and/or the City of Houston Code Enforcement Division.

“Our goal is to speed up the process for making repairs for electrical, gas, and plumbing systems during this time of emergency without compromising safety,” said Mayor White.

Home or business owners should make sure the electricians’ vehicles are properly identified with:

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1. The name of company
2. Texas Electrical or Plumbing Control License number; or
3. Houston Master Electrician or Plumbing License number

The electrical or plumbing contractor will contact the city of Houston and secure an emergency release. After the reconnection is complete, the city of Houston Code Enforcement Division will release the service to CenterPoint Energy or Entergy or other utility provider for activation of the site.

For further information on these emergency procedures, please contact 713.218.5817.

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