



Electrical Bulletin 23-2

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Re: 26-200 Location of Panelboards

We've noticed some inconsistency in the application of Rule 26-600 regarding panel height and want to provide clarification on how we will be enforcing this rule. From the 2023 CE Code:

26-600 (2) Panelboards in dwelling units shall be installed as high as possible, with no overcurrent device operating handle positioned more than 1.7 m above the finished floor level.

We have found some instances where the above measurement was made to the highest installed overcurrent device, instead of to the highest available point on the busbar. Installing to the highest overcurrent device often results in a panel that will need to be relocated the next time circuits are added to that panel. A common example: the addition of a solar array often requires an overcurrent device to be installed at the opposite end of the busbar from the input feeder. This would result in a non-compliant installation unless the panelboard is lowered. As such, any panelboard in a dwelling unit must be installed at 1.7m to the highest point available on the busbar, and not the highest physically installed overcurrent device.

As always, please contact our office or one of our electrical inspectors with questions regarding this or any past electrical bulletins.

Thank you,

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