


CITY OF CHICAGO

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

## CODE MEMORANDUM

To: Department of Buildings Plan Examiners and Inspectors

From: Judith Frydland  
Commissioner 

Date: February 8, 2016

Re: **Sit and Stand Motorized Work Stations**

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Sit and Stand Motorized Work Stations do not require a variance in the city of Chicago provided the following conditions are met.

- Sit/Stand type work stations with electric motors must be labeled, as an assembly, by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).
- The motor used to raise the desk top may be plugged into an outlet dedicated for that work station. The cord shall be a three conductor type with a grounded three prong molded case plug.
- A power outlet assembly of the clamp on type may be used on a motorized sit/stand work station. The power assembly must be plugged into an outlet dedicated for that work station. The cord shall be a three conductor type with a grounded three prong molded case plug. The power outlet assembly shall contain no more than 4 power outlets and shall have an internal overcurrent protection device.
- The length of cord allowed for both the work station motor and clamp on outlet assembly shall not exceed nine feet for each.

Compliance with all of the above requirements will negate the need for a code variance for these types, and these types only, of office furnishings. All other office furnishings must comply with article 18-27-605 of the Chicago Electrical Code.