


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-034	Meeting:	January 25, 2021
	Agenda Item:	55	Roll Call:	21-0134
	Submitted by:	Erin Olson-Douglas, Development Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code relating to the Electrical Code.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this action amends Chapter 26 of the Municipal Ordinance by amending and adopting the State Electrical Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The State Electrical Code sets the minimum electrical work standards for local ordinances. Cities can exceed the State Electrical Code, but cannot be less stringent.
- The 2020 National Electrical Code was recently adopted in November 2020 to mirror the State Electrical Code, however recent State legislative action has put the implementation of the State Electrical Code on hold for a least 70 days.
- Adopting the State Electrical Code will allow for a more consistent and predictable approach when dealing with State mandated construction codes.
- The City of Des Moines will also maintain its current requirements on electrical services that are above what is required by the State Electric Code, but are consistent with other cities in the Metro and Mid-American Energy's installation requirements.
- Development Services Director asks that the second and third reading of the ordinance be waived to allow adoption to take place in the time frame specified by Iowa Code 380.10.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 23, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1919](#) and [20-1920](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code relating to the Electrical Code. ([Council Communication No. 20-503](#)) Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A)Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,944](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Date: January 14, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: The adoption of the State Electrical Code was moved by Chad Layland. The motion was seconded by Randy Tinker. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

New editions of construction code are published every three (3) years. Adopting current editions of construction codes allows City regulations to keep up with the latest construction methods and building technologies.

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