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| DATE: | <u>03-11-25</u> |
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **ELECTRIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON STATE OF IOWA PROPERTY**

BACKGROUND:

There is an existing buried electric line that is owned and maintained by Ames Electric Services located on the south side of S. 16th Street, east of University Boulevard. In a normal system configuration, this buried electric line provides service to the S. Duff Avenue area from the Vet Med Substation. **Ames Electric Services plans to relocate this buried line to make way for the upcoming widening of S. 16th Street during the 2025 construction season. The new location for the buried electric line will place it on State of Iowa property.**

The Iowa State Board of Regents has agreed to grant an electric utility easement for the new buried electric line location at its February 2025 meeting. Once signatures are received from the City, the easement will be signed at the next Iowa State Board of Regents meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property in order to maintain the Ames Electric Services buried electric line along S. 16th Street, east of University Boulevard. The easement shall be conditioned upon the approval by the Iowa State Board of Regents.
2. Do not approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property and direct staff to find an alternate location for the buried electric line.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In order to provide reliable electric service to the S. Duff Avenue area, maintaining the buried electric line along S. 16th Street, east of University Boulevard is essential. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Proposed Ames Electric Relocation.pdf](#)

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