

ITEM #:	14
DATE:	03-10-26
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2026 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PLAN

BACKGROUND:

Electric Services manages its inspection and maintenance efforts under an adopted reliability plan that has been filed with the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC). Historically, such plans were prepared and approved at the City staff level.

The Iowa Utilities Commission has adopted changes to its administrative code (IAC 199-27.8) and now requires each municipal electric utility to have its adopted reliability plan approved by its respective governing authority prior to filing updates to its existing plans. **Therefore, the City Council is being asked to approve the Electric Service's adopted Reliability Plan to satisfy this IUC requirement.**

Staff has prepared the Reliability Plan, using guides and reference material provided by the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU). The proposed Reliability Plan is attached for reference.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the adoption of the 2026 Electric Reliability Plan.
2. Do not approve the 2026 Electric Reliability Plan.
3. Request further information from staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Iowa Administrative Code now requires the approval of the Electric Utility's Electric Reliability Plan by the City Council. City staff has prepared this Plan using reference materials supplied by IAMU to ensure compliance. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Reliability Plan Statement 2026.pdf](#)