



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-132, Amending the Banning Electric Utility's Rules and Regulations #1 to #19, #21 and the General Provisions, Removal of Rule #20 and Adding Rules #22, #23 and Notes, Which Set Forth Electric Service Requirements

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-132.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning's Electric Rules and Regulations were first developed and adopted by the City Council on June 26, 1975, via Resolution 1975-23. The purpose of the Electric Rules and Regulations is to provide the electrical customer, property owner, contractor, developer and engineer with a resource guide that will aid in the completion of their electrical service connections that will meet all Banning Electric Utility (BEU) and electrical industry standard practices and safety requirements.

The Banning Municipal Code Section 13.05.030 provides that the City Council may, by resolution, from time to time as it deems necessary for the administration or implementation of the intent to review, revise, adopt and/or promulgate new or amended rules and regulations concerning the operation or administration of the Banning Electric Utility.

JUSTIFICATION:

Portions of the City of Banning's Electric Rules and Regulations have been updated sporadically about eleven (11) times since the rule's inception with the last revision and amendment occurring on December 10, 2019 by Council Resolution No. 2019-146. However, a comprehensive full update to the original 1975 version has not occurred for over 50 years. The attached redline Electric Rules and Regulations provides a significant and long overdue update to this important BEU document including updates to the department's service requirements, technical details and updates to definitions, terminologies, guidelines and the removal of obsolete terms and titles. This comprehensive update has taken BEU staff over 2 years to complete with cross references and comparisons to previously approved Resolutions related to BEU's Rules and Regulations, Rules and Regulations from other municipal electric utilities and the adjacent investor-owned electric utility. The updated attachment has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office who had no additional comments and provided their concurrence. The table below

provides the Rule sections and a summary of the proposed changes.

Rule # / Section	Change Description
General Provision	Removed Water Utility Rules
Note	New addition to state the basis of BEU Rules and Reg document similar to other Municipal Utilities
1	Clarified, modified and added definitions
2	Added clarification on disconnecting devices Stated voltage classification and nominal values, clarify single and three phase services Clarify motor classification and characteristics Clarify miscellaneous loads and sources and BEU requirements Stated underground requirement Added power quality requirement Added explanation to self-generation program
3	Clarified application process and requirements for clarity
4	Modified terminology to be consistent for clarity
5	Clarified Credit requirement and defined diversion
6	Modified Deposit requirement and amount
7	Clarified correspondence methods between customers and BEU
8	Added information on Energy Bill Assistance and Level Payment, and consequence of returned payment and nonpayment of bill. Incorporated Resolution 1986-42
9	Clarified some provisions of the rule
10	Modified the entire Rule based on Resolution 2019-54
11	Removed rate adoption by Ordinance to match existing Municipal Code, removed obsolete optional rate information
12	Clarified Temporary services
13	Added clarification on power interruption and recovery
14	Significant modification to remove obsolete information, add BEU's current requirement, and clarified provision. Incorporated Resolutions 1977-64, 1979-32, 1981-66, 1984-27, 1989-39
15	Modified based on current BEU requirement. Incorporated Resolution 1994-130
16	Added clarifications
17	Added clarifications
18	Modified rule based on current BEU operational needs
19	Added clarification and restrictions to the provisions of sub-metering. Incorporated Resolution 1976-61, 1983-19
20	Rule no longer applicable and removed
21	Clarified provisions of service discontinuation for repaired and other reasons, and added restrictions to temporary service discontinuation
22	Added Rule 22 for Tree Trimming per Resolution 1994-130
23	Added Rule 30 that documents Banning Climate Zone 10 Designation per Resolution 2019-146

Council Resolutions reviewed or incorporated in this revision	1976-61, 1977-64, 1979-32, 1981-66, 1983-19, 1984-27, 1986-42, 1989-39, 1994-130, 2019-54, 2019-146
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution 2025-132 will have no direct fiscal impact to the Electric Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt Resolution 2025-132 updating the Banning Electric Utility's Rules and Regulations and provide staff with an alternative direction.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-132_BEU_Rules_and_Regs.docx](#)
2. [Rules and Regulations REDLINE Dt 9-16-25.pdf](#)