



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Schubert, Chief Building Official

Date: August 25, 2026

Reference: **Consider approval of an Ordinance adopting of the 2026 National Electrical Code and updating the City of Coppell Electrical Ordinance; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.**

2040: **Sustainable Government**

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve an ordinance adopting the 2026 National Electrical Code (NEC) and updating the City of Coppell Electrical Ordinance. The Building and Standards Commission voted to recommend adoption of the 2026 NEC during their meeting on August 6, 2026. City Council was briefed on changes by staff during Work Session at the City Council meeting held on August 11, 2026.

Background:

The National Electrical Code is revised by the National Fire Protection Association every three years; therefore, a new edition of the NEC is available every third year. The State of Texas adopts the latest version of the NEC during that same year. For the current code cycle, the 2026 NEC will become effective throughout the state on September 1, 2026. The City of Coppell is currently on the 2023 NEC, and this ordinance will put the City of Coppell on the 2026 NEC.

Benefit to the Community:

Adopting the 2026 NEC provides tools for safer construction and helps improve the City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating when reevaluated.

Legal Review:

The documents were reviewed by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as proposed.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Proposed Changes
Ordinance