

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**02-430**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

This is an ordinance change that adopts the 2002 edition of the National Electrical Code.

AUGUST 19, 2002

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBJECT:**

None.

UPDATE OF  
ELECTRICAL CODE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**TYPE:**

**Approval.**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**BACKGROUND -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

This is a proposed change to Chapter 26, Subchapter 3, Section 26-261, of the Municipal Code (Electrical Code).

JIM GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

In this section of the code, the City of Des Moines adopts the National Electrical Code for application within the City. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) who updates this document every three years publishes this document. Presently, the City has adopted the 1999 edition. A 2002 edition is now available and has been reviewed by the Licensing and Appeals Board.

Their review found that there does not appear to be any substantive differences between this new edition and the previous, except this new edition stays current with new technologies and materials in the electrical field. As a result, they are recommending the adoption of this new edition.