

CITY OF OLIVIA, MINNESOTA
Ordinance 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE V SECTION 52.05: ELECTRICAL
REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Olivia has adopted Ordinances regulating Public Works; and

WHEREAS, City Staff and the City Council have found certain sections of existing Code that need to be updated to fit the current needs and best interests of the City,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLIVIA ORDAINS that City Code Title V: 52.05 shall be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 52: ELECTRIC UTILITY

§ 52.05 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- (A) *Meter Socket Location.* The meter socket shall be mounted at a height between five and six feet above finished grade (ground level). At no time shall a meter socket be installed inside a building or structure. If an addition or remodeling to a structure is done which would cause the meter to be enclosed or located inside the addition, the owner/contractor must relocate it to the outside at the Owner's expense. (Ord. 2020-02, passed 1/6/2020)
- (B) *Meter Bypass Socket.* The electrical meter bypass socket is required on all new residential, commercial and industrial connections. Also, the electrical meter bypass socket shall be installed on any existing residential, commercial and industrial services as part of a customer upgrade/update. (Res. 2000-08, passed 2-7-2000)
- (C) *Electrical Service Undergrounding.*
- a. *New Subdivisions.* When a developer requests electrical service to be extended into a newly developed area, the city will design the distribution system appropriate to the number of residential dwelling units. The distribution system installed throughout the development area will be installed by underground wiring. It will be the responsibility of the developer or property owner to install the electrical meter directly on the home. Also, the developer or property owner will be responsible for connecting to the city's distribution system. Thus, they will bear the financial burden to install underground wire to the City's transformer or other determined source point. The City's responsibility for future maintenance ends at the secondary distribution source point, which is typically the transformer.
 - b. *New or Updated Electrical Service.* All new services and service updates whether initiated by the customer, city, or electrical inspector violation shall be installed by underground wiring unless deemed not feasible at the discretion of city staff.
 - c. *Customer initiated conversion-Overhead to Underground.* If a resident/property owner has existing overhead wire and requests to install underground wiring, the

City will provide up to 125 feet of 200-amp wire. Additional wire and all other costs associated with the conversion will be paid by the resident/property owner. As part of the conversion, the City will require the resident/property owner is responsible for the costs to install the wire to the City's secondary distribution source point, which is typically the transformer. The resident/customer will be responsible for future maintenance from the secondary distribution point.

- d. *City initiated conversion – Overhead to Underground.* If the City initiates a distribution maintenance project that involves overhead to underground conversions, the City shall bear the cost of the 200-amp wire needed and will bury the wire underground for the customer from the secondary distribution point to the service panel. Other costs associated with the conversion will be paid by the resident/property owner including any service panel upgrades and connection to the service panel by an electrician. The city may bear additional costs at the discretion of city staff. As part of the conversion, the City will require the meters to be placed directly on the home or business. The City will not allow meters to be placed on distribution or light poles. Future maintenance will be the customer's responsibility from the secondary distribution source point. (Approved by Motion, passed 12/17/2012, amended by Ord 22-03 passed 5/16/2022)

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Olivia, Minnesota, on this 16th day of May, 2022 and effective upon publication.

Jon Hawkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dan Coughlin, City Administrator