



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: 7 July, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Public hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 24, Article 24.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dripping Springs, relating to the 2026 National Electric Code.**

Agenda Item Sponsor:

Summary/Background:

Background:

The National Electric Code is updated every three years. We adopted the 2023 NEC in July of 2024. The State will be adopting the 2026 NEC on September 1st of this year. Electricians and electrical contractors are obligated to install per the State's adopted code, but being on a different code cycle creates issues for designers and installers. In order to align with the State's adopted code, the new NEC should be adopted.

The proposed amendments were selected from a list generated by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). NCTCOG is a volunteer association with over 230 members from 16 counties, numerous cities, school districts, and special districts. Since 1967, NCTCOG and its five advisory boards, comprised of public and private code professionals, has continually reviewed the latest editions of the model construction codes and recommended uniform amendments. North Hays County Fire Rescue uses the NCTCOG International Fire Code recommendations, aligning Building Construction and Fire Code amendments in Dripping Springs.

The existing local amendment requires the main service disconnect and emergency disconnects to be on the exterior of the building. Requiring the main service and emergency disconnect on the exterior of the structure makes it easily identifiable and accessible in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Proposal:

Recommend Approval of the 2026 NEC and amendments with an effective date of 1 September, 2026.

Conclusion:

We recommend the City Council's approval of this update.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

**Recommended
Council Actions:** Approval

Attachments: Attachment (a) - NCTCOG proposed amendments with notes on local adoption
Draft Ordinance

Next Steps/Schedule: Send to City Secretary for execution