
THE CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

RESOLUTION
NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ENERGY
ACTION PLAN**

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WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall have only those powers granted by law, and the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, as a non-home rule municipality pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, may exercise only those powers expressly granted by law;; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to “pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities.” 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, while “non-home rule municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances, such ordinances may in no event conflict with state law or prohibit what a state statute expressly permits . . . A local ordinance may impose more rigorous or definite regulations in addition to those enacted by the state legislature so long as they do not conflict with the statute.” (*Village of Wauconda v. Hutton*, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1058, 1060 (1997)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle owns and operates Rochelle Municipal Utilities (“RMU”), which provides electric utility services to the residents, businesses, and institutions of the City and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the EnergySense Resilience Center at the University of Illinois System prepared an Energy Action Plan for RMU and the communities it serves to provide a strategic framework for future energy planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Action Plan was developed through a comprehensive process that included stakeholder interviews, public outreach and community feedback, energy assessments of major community facilities, and coordination with a community steering committee; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Energy Action Plan was supported through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant obtained with the assistance of the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Action Plan establishes a planning framework for the period of 2026 through 2050 to assist RMU in maintaining reliable and affordable electric service while preparing for evolving state energy requirements and long-term changes in the electric power supply; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Action Plan identifies recommended strategies and actions organized around four primary focus areas: (i) short-term energy efficiency, (ii) long-term resilience and sustainability, (iii) affordability and rate stability, and (iv) community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Energy Action Plan provides valuable guidance for future utility planning efforts, the pursuit of grant funding opportunities, and the evaluation of potential programs and projects that may enhance the reliability, affordability, efficiency, and resilience of utility services; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Energy Action Plan will formally establish the Plan, attached herein as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, as a guiding planning document for RMU; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that adopting the Energy Action Plan, attached herein as Exhibit A, will provide a valuable framework for future utility planning and decision-making and will serve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by supporting the long-term reliability, affordability, and resilience of the community's electric utility system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the adoption of the Energy Action Plan is in the best interests of the City of Rochelle, Rochelle Municipal Utilities, and the public.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle hereby adopt the Rochelle Municipal Utilities Energy Action Plan attached herein as Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Resolution or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Resolution is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Resolution are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Resolution will govern.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Resolution in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

APPROVED and PASSED THIS 14th day of September 2026

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Huéramo, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, "A
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ENERGY ACTION PLAN,"
which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on September 14, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of
the City of Rochelle this 14th day of September 2026.

CITY CLERK