

**CITY OF BRIGHTON, IOWA  
ELECTRIC FRANCHISE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 97-1, AND GRANTING TO INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FRANCHISE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, IOWA AND TO FURNISH AND SELL ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND REQUIRING SAID COMPANY TO PAY A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE CITY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Brighton, Washington County, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the "City":

Section 1. There is hereby granted to Interstate Power and Light Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company," its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive franchise to acquire, construct, reconstruct, erect, maintain and operate in the City, works and plants for the manufacture and generation of electricity and a distribution system for electric light, heat and power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits and other appliances for the distribution of electric current along, under and upon the streets, alleys and public places in the said City to supply individuals, corporations, communities, and municipalities both inside and outside of said City with electric light, heat and power for the period of twenty-five (25) years; also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. The poles, lines, wires, circuits, and other appliances shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the travel on said streets, alleys, and public places in said City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City. The said Company, its successors and assigns shall indemnify and hold the City free and harmless from all damages to the extent arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the erection or maintenance of said system.

Section 3. In making any excavations in any street, alley, or public place, Company, its successors and assigns, shall protect the site while work is in progress by guards, barriers or signals, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the use of the streets,

and shall back fill all openings in such manner as to prevent settling or depressions in surface, pavement or sidewalk of such excavations with same materials, restoring the condition as nearly as practical. The Company shall not be required to restore or modify public right of way, sidewalks or other areas in or adjacent to the Company project to a condition superior to its immediate previously existing condition, unless said improvement is necessary to meet a SUDAS (Statewide Urban Design and Specifications) standard, a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other standard mandated by state or federal law. If the City otherwise requests that the Company restore or modify the public right of way, sidewalks or other areas on a particular project to a condition superior to its immediate existing condition, the Company will discuss such a request with the City and may require the City to pay the incremental cost of such an improvement.

Section 4. The Company shall, at its cost, locate and relocate its existing facilities or equipment in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement thereof, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City requires the Company to relocate facilities in the public right of way that have been relocated at Company expense at the direction of the City during the previous ten years, the reasonable costs of such relocation will be paid by the City.

If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its existing facilities or equipment for any reason other than as specified above, or as the result of the initial request for a commercial, private or other non-public development, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its existing facilities or equipment.

The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternative location for the Company's facilities as part of its relocation request.

Company operations staff will, at the request of the City attend an annual meeting with the City to discuss annual and long-term construction planning for the Company and City. This will not

replace any periodic meetings needed on specific projects and issues. In addition, the Company will provide advance notice to the City of planned construction projects. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, no advance notice is required for Company's maintenance, upgrading and repair of existing facilities unless said maintenance, upgrading or repair involves excavation of the City's street and sidewalk infrastructure. Advance notice is not required in an emergency. While the Company will make every effort to provide advance notice, failure to provide such notice shall not be deemed a default under this chapter.

Section 5. Prior to the City abandoning or vacating any street, avenue, alley or public ground where the Company has electric facilities, the City shall grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities. If the City does not grant the Company a utility easement for said facilities prior to abandoning or vacating a street, avenue, alley or public place, the City shall at its cost and expense obtain easements for existing Company facilities.

Section 6. The Company is authorized and empowered to prune or remove at Company expense any tree extending into any street, alley or public grounds to maintain electric reliability, safety, to restore utility service and to prevent limbs, branches or trunks from interfering with the wires and facilities of the Company. The pruning and removal of trees shall be performed in accordance with Company's then current line clearance vegetation plan as filed and approved by the Iowa Utilities Board, as well as all applicable codes and standards referenced therein. The Company shall replace any healthy tree that the Company removes from City right of way as part of a construction project unless the tree is removed because it interferes with or presents a hazard to our services. The size and variety of the replacement tree will be at the Company's discretion to ensure that the growth of the replacement tree will not interfere with company facilities in the future.

Section 7. During the term of this franchise, the Company shall furnish electric energy in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Iowa Utilities Board and the Company's tariffs. The Company will maintain compliance with Iowa Utilities Board regulatory standards for reliability.

Section 8. Service to be rendered by the Company under this franchise shall be continuous unless prevented from doing so by fire, acts of God, unavoidable accidents or casualties, or

reasonable interruptions necessary to properly service the Company's equipment, and in such event, service shall be resumed as quickly as is reasonably possible.

Section 9. There is hereby imposed a franchise fee of five percent (5%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of electricity by the Company within the corporate limits of the City. The Company shall begin collecting the franchise fee upon receipt of written approval of the required tax rider tariff from the Iowa Utilities Board.

The amount of the franchise fee shall be shown separately on the utility bill to each customer. The Company shall remit franchise fee receipts to the City no more frequently than on or before the last business day of the month following each calendar year quarter.

The Company shall not, under any circumstances be required to return or refund any franchise fees that have been collected from customers and remitted to the City. In the event the Company is required to provide data or information in defense of the City's imposition of franchise fees or the Company is required to assist the City in identifying customers or calculating any franchise fee refunds for groups of or individual customers the City shall reimburse the Company for the expenses incurred by the Company to provide such data or information.

Section 10. The term of the franchise granted by this Ordinance and the rights granted thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after written acceptance by the Company. The acceptance shall be filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days from passage of this Ordinance.

Section 11. If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid portion or portions and to this end each section and provision of this ordinance is severable.

Section 12. The expense of the publication of this Ordinance shall be paid by the Company.


Section 13. This Ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be supplemented, superseded, modified or otherwise amended without the written approval and

acceptance of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact or maintain any Ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees other than those approved and accepted by the Company within this Ordinance, that create additional burdens upon the Company, or which delay utility operations.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Brighton City Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

  
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Melvin Rich, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Michelle Talley, City Clerk



