

This is a draft motion. I am open to any and all suggestions.

Whereas, the consumers in Southeastern Michigan have some of the most expensive and dirty electricity in the nation and also some of the worst reliability rates.

Whereas, electrical outages appear to be the new normal in Ann Arbor and their impact is more dire for renters than homeowners due to:

- the fact that statistically renters are lower income than homeowners, therefore the loss of perishable food and ability to eat healthily during an outage is a greater hardship on renters,
- the inability of renters to install generators or solar panel systems to help endure outages as many homeowners have done,
- fewer renters owning cars than homeowners making it more difficult to move out during an outage than homeowners who can pack up the car with kids, medical supplies and food and head to friends or family in a neighboring community, and
- homeowners continue to gain equity in their home during an outage while renters must pay rent on a partially usable or not at all usable units during an outage.

Be it recognized that changing to a publicly held electric company would not solve all financial difficulties facing Ann Arbor renters it would ease the housing burden many face.

Therefore, the Ann Arbor Renters Commission requests that the Ann Arbor City Council pursue all reasonable paths toward creating a public electrical utility to help the renters of Ann Arbor.