



# Electric System Upgrade Continues

The City of Fairhope's electric system upgrade, which started in 2019, will enter the final year of work on March 1st as Fairhope Public Utilities improves the aging grid to provide resiliency and reliability for years to come. Contractors with East Bay Electric will be replacing aging lines and power poles. When the project is complete, the substation at Church and Nichols will be dismantled and the old substation on Nichols will be taken out of operation.

## What will the work include?

Due to the nature of the work, the project will require some tree trimming as well as the removal of some trees. In some areas, new poles will need to be installed. For a short time, you may see two poles instead of one, which will allow telecom companies to remove their lines from the original poles. Additional poles will be removed once work is completed.

## What areas will be affected?

The plan allows for the line and pole replacement:

- Morphy from Church to Ingleside
- Nichols from Wisteria to Commercial Park Drive
- Morphy from Highway 98 to Bishop Road
- Bishop from Morphy to Edwards.

If necessary, the work may have to extend outside these areas.

## If I live in an affected area, what should I expect?

Pre-work for the project will begin in earnest mid-February with City employees starting the required tree trimming.

When construction work begins in March, the City will notify residents on a weekly basis of the location contractors will be working in. Electric Department representatives will also be placing door hangers on the homes that could be impacted 48 hours before an impact is expected.

Residents may see isolated outages as the work is being completed.

## Who should I call if I have more questions?

Calls can be directed to Electric Superintendent Jade Fleming, Ian Morrison or Jessica Walker at 251-928-8003.